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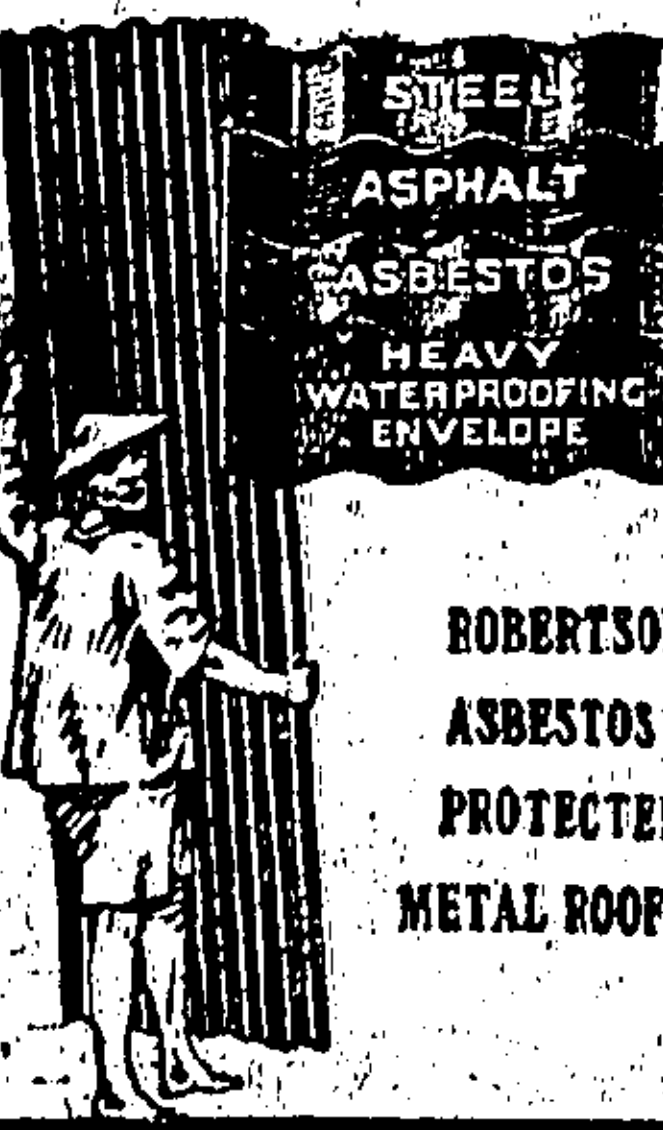
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## "GROUNDLESS." MR. POTTER ON "DISHONEST" ALLEGATIONS.

"FALLACIOUS ARGUMENTS."

Mr. Eldon Potter submitted at the continued hearing of the Bank case this morning that the case for the plaintiffs was an overwhelming one, not only from their own evidence but from the documents produced and the manager of the Chinese Bank's own affirmation.

Mr. Potter said that he failed to see a shred of evidence to support what Mr. Jenkin was in fact saying. His Lordship, to do, viz., to find that Mr. Lammett was an untruthful witness. What did Mr. Lammett stand to gain by perjuring himself? It would only inflate his own debts. And they had Mr. Lammett's definite statement that on June 6 he told his clerk that he could not raise the money for the Chinese Bank.

An allegation had been made that the managing partner of the Chinese Bank had been forced to sign a letter the contents of which he was not in fact aware of. What had in fact happened? This man had been given a copy by the very people who were said to be perjurers in order that he might satisfy himself as to its contents. It was hardly the attitude of people who were said to be endeavouring to swear away \$39,700. And this document said in the clearest possible language that a loan was advanced and interest payable.

A "Plain Error."

As regarded Mr. Jenkin's implication that there had been two separate and distinct transactions and that therefore the defendant Bank could not be claimed on, he had used the fact that what was clearly a pure mistake had taken place, and that Lammett appeared to be getting only on the basis of \$100 a share and paying Moxon and Taylor on the basis of \$196. It was clearly an error, for why should Lammett's whether they were agents or principals, be \$100 out of pocket?

As regarded Mr. Jenkin's allegations against Mr. Birkett. Stripped of the nice language it amounted to this that Mr. Birkett was alleged to have known all along that Moxon and Taylor were contracting with Lammett and no one else and that the claim against the Man Chuen Bank was therefore a dishonest one.

On the matter of law alone, His Lordship could go through cases of undisclosed principals by the score and find cases where the seller or man, who loaned goods or money used the disclosed client after pressing the broker unsuccessfully for payment. His Lordship would not find a suggestion in any of these cases that the seller or lender was acting dishonestly by so doing. He was acting rightly in law.

The charge against Mr. Birkett was wholly groundless, should never have been made and was based on fallacious arguments from certain documents.

His Lordship: I don't think it is a question of law. Mr. Jenkin used certain documents with a view to showing what the state of mind of Mr. Birkett was on certain dates.

Mr. Potter said that if Mr. Birkett had been asked on June 6 whether he had in his mind that he had resorted to Messrs. Lammett for their clients he (Mr. Potter) would say most emphatically that it never entered Mr. Birkett's mind.

The Defence.

Mr. Jenkin's speech for the defence yesterday afternoon took nearly two hours. He said that the fact that Mr. Birkett had stood by for a period of two months without claiming the money from the Man Chuen Bank was indeed a remarkable thing. The plaintiffs had said that the defendant bank had made no reference to a set off, though Messrs. Lammett owed them a large sum of money. Counsel described it as a "last ditch" story.

All that Mr. Birkett could say when asked why he had let the matter lie for two months without moving after he had found the real debtors was that he had some friendly arrangements with Mr. Ross, and he would see to the question of expenses. Mr. Ross's affidavit showed that he had wholly misapprehended the position. Counsel would also be interested to learn why Mr. Birkett had not taken recourse to action when the money was not forthcoming from the defendant bank.

Counsel, continuing, said that it appeared to him that the documents of the Stock Exchange was only in

## GOING HOME.

EXODUS OF POLICE OFFICERS.

HEAVY BOOKINGS.

A large number of officers of the Hongkong Police force are due for home leave shortly and bookings have been made by P. & O. steamers.

Sergeant and Mrs. R. S. R. Swan, of Lokmachau, and Sergeant H. G. Hallam, of Yaumati, are leaving by the s.s. "Khiva" tomorrow.

Mrs. Simpson, wife of the Sub-Inspector at Kowloon City, and family are due to leave by the s.s. "Devanha" on April 17.

Bookings by the s.s. "Kalyan" sailing on April 21 include Sergeant and Mrs. W. Russell, Sergeant C. J. Askew, Saunders and L. R. Whant (all of Central), Sergeant Treagus, of the Water Police, and Sergeant F. Tuckett and W. Armit, of the western district.

Those leaving by the s.s. "Macedonia" on May 1 are Sub-Inspector and Mrs. W. Barnett and family (Taipei), Sub-Inspector and Mrs. A. J. Dorling and family (Central), Sub-Inspector and Mrs. E. J. Cotton and son, (Yaumati), Sergeant B. Thorpe and J. Gregg (Central), and Sergeant G. Moreton (Yaumati).

Sub-Inspector and Mrs. R. Shannon and son are booked for the s.s. "Devanha" sailing on May 15.

## HARBOUR COLLISION.

Harbour Office officials to-day held a private investigation attending the collision, in the harbour, earlier this week, between the ferry "Maridian Star" and No. 6 Police launch, in which the latter was damaged about the bows.

Belonging to brokers themselves. There were several factors which went to prove that Mr. Ross did not know the true position of affairs—firstly, there was his affidavit; secondly, his letter to the Man Chuen Bank; and thirdly, his interview with Mr. Ross. Mr. Ross, on these three occasions, had never said a word about Messrs. Moxon & Taylor.

A "Constant Case." He submitted that the Bank's case had been constant throughout. They held that the question of the set off was discussed. Would not any ordinary business man have raised that point? No question of agency had arisen until after Lammett's bankruptcy. There was not a single document at that period but which denied expressly the existence of that agency, that Lammett was acting on behalf of the Man Chuen Bank. There was no such agency. In the first place, the transaction in its financial aspect would not have supported it, because if Messrs. Lammett were agents for Messrs. Moxon and Taylor, one would expect that Lammett would be remunerated by Messrs. Moxon and Taylor. On the contrary, it was known that nothing was going from Messrs. Moxon and Taylor to Lammett, because when the \$38,450 was received by them, it was to go without deduction to Moxon and Taylor.

Secondly, any remuneration which Lammett were to get according to the books was brokerage at the rate of 150 from the Man Chuen Bank. That was, of course, wholly inconsistent with the agency of Lammett for Moxon & Taylor. The third point which Counsel cited to disprove agency was the letter from Mr. Birkett to Lammett demanding payment of margin. This had been proceeded by a private letter to Mr. G. P. Lammett. Such letters could never have been written by a person to his agent.

Fourthly, the contents of the memorandum of September 19 were wholly inconsistent with such a case. Fifthly, the evidence of Chan Wing-fook, as set out in his declarations, precluded them from such a case. Then there was the curious calculation of \$1,504 interest. Mr. Nisam and Mr. Lammett did not know how it had been arrived at, but they said that Mr. Birkett had made it out. Mr. Birkett had said that he was not responsible for the calculation. Then the evidence of the bank accountant had been contrary to the plaintiffs' case that the shares were delivered before payment was made.

## "THERE IS HOPE."

INFORMAL NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE.

THE CANTON BOYCOTT.

Seen by a representative of the vernacular papers, the Hon. Sir Shou-sun Chow and the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall (the Chinese representatives on the Legislative Council) said that informal negotiations with Canton were continuing with regard to a settlement of the boycott.

To a direct query, the two gentlemen replied, "Yes, there is hope."

It will be recalled that Sir Shou-sun and Dr. Kotewall met Mr. Ku Ping-sheung (Canton Commissioner for Foreign Affairs) at Macao and held an unofficial discussion.

## ACCIDENTS.

MOTOR FATALITY AT KOWLOON.

A GIRL VICTIM.

Among the list of accidents yesterday, one ended fatally at Kowloon.

A Chinese girl, aged seven, living at the married quarters at Mongkok Police Station, was knocked down by a motor car in Coronation Road. The driver of the car, seeing that the injuries were serious, took the girl to the Kwong Wah Hospital, but the parents went later and took the patient home. She died last night.

In order to avoid a collision with a hand truck coming out from Jubilee Street, a motor lorry travelling along Queen's Road was forced to come to a sudden halt. The lorry skidded and struck down a Chinese girl, aged 10. She received bruises on the forehead, but refused to go to hospital.

A small Chinese boy was treated at the Tung Wah Hospital for injuries to the head. The boy was injured by a motor car when crossing the road near the Grand Theatre at Wanchai.

In the case of a Chinese woman admitted to the Government Civil Hospital, it was stated that she was visiting a friend and fell in a fit, receiving serious injuries to the head.

## SETTLED!

LONDON STRIKERS YIELD AT LAST.

RETURNING TO WORK.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 18. A settlement of the engineering dispute is indicated by the announcement that the men at Messrs. H. Hoe & Co.'s printing machinery works have decided to resume on Monday and that the lock-out notices have been withdrawn.

[On March 10 Reuter reported:—A lively mass meeting of the strikers at Messrs. Hoe's factory rejected the recommendation of the Executives of the Unions to return to work, and resolved not to resume until the non-Unionists were removed and a substantial increase in wages assured. The Executives of the Unions have called a meeting to consider the taking of disciplinary action against the strikers. As a result of a meeting of the members of the executives of the seven Unions concerned in the dispute at Hoe's factory and Sir Allan Smith, Chairman of the Employers' Federation, the employers have agreed to defer the operation of the lock-out notices until Thursday, March 18. Yesterday it was reported:—The Executives of the seven Unions involved in the threatened lock-out of engineers have decided to instruct Messrs. Hoe's men to resume work by March 19, but the men have issued a manifesto that they are not going to surrender.]

## TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2/3.6/16.

## PEAK BURGLARY.

A QUEER STORY IN COURT.

WHISKY AS EMBROCATION.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning with entering into No. 370, The Peak, the residence of Mr. E. A. Keggall, and committing a theft. It appeared from a statement made by Sergeant Walsh that the defendant gained access to the house at about 3 o'clock yesterday morning by means of a key left in the basement. Defendant had worked as a market coolie until his dismissal in January and knew where the key was kept. After stealing a bottle of whisky and half a pound of butter he was walking down Plantation Road when he was stopped by an Indian constable and arrested.

Defendant said that he felt a pain in his chest and took the whisky to use as embrocation. He was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

## AWAITS SOLUTION.

FINANCIAL TANGLE IN FRANCE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, March 18. The Ministerial statement of the new Briand Government was read in the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies.

It said that the Government was anxious finally to settle its inter-Ally indebtedness and would pursue the negotiations, which at present were in a promising condition. It would strive to end antagonisms in Europe as it did at Geneva within the framework of the League of Nations.

France's financial problem still awaited solution. The Government was in duty bound to press for a completely unequivocally balanced Budget.

The Government demanded a prompt vote on the Bill restoring single-member constituencies: its paramount aim was achievement. The country had suffered too long from discord and crises, and wanted to feel itself governed.

Vote of Confidence.

Paris, Later. The Chamber of Deputies passed a vote of confidence in M. Briand's new Ministry by 361 votes to 164—a majority of 197.

Exciting Scenes.

Paris, Later. After M. Briand read the declaration, he said that the Government, owing to the necessity of resuming the financial debate as soon as possible, only accepted for immediate discussion an interpellation on the composition of the Cabinet.

This was accepted without a division, but the Chamber was soon feverishly excited by a Royalist Deputy's criticisms of M. Malvy, whom M. Briand stoutly defended till a din of protests from the Right obliged the Premier to resume his seat.

Subsequently, as the result of M. Herriot's appeal to the Chamber, M. Briand proceeded. He claimed that an agreement had been achieved at Geneva and urged the necessity of voting funds. He concluded: "If you intend to overthrow the Government, do it immediately."

"Blood on His Hands." After loud applause from the Left and Centre, the Rightist, M. Barillet, again attacked M. Malvy, whom he charged with having on his hands the blood of men shot for indiscipline in 1917, who were led astray by M. Malvy's Defeatist campaign.

M. Malvy sprang to his feet passionately and protested. He appealed to M. Briand to allow him to resign if he were a hindrance to the Cabinet.

"I am not a coward," interjected M. Briand.

M. Malvy then collapsed and fainted. He was carried out amid intense excitement and the sitting was temporarily suspended.

Honour Defended.

When the Chamber resumed M. Briand defended M. Malvy's honour and after the vote of confidence the House adjourned till Monday.

Socialist Sympathy.

Paris, later.

The Socialists voted for the Government as a mark of sympathy with M. Malvy, but declared that they reserved full liberty of future action, particularly in regard to the Government's financial measures.

## GENEVA CHECK.

CANNOT BE DESCRIBED AS CATASTROPHE.

BELGIUM'S PRIOR CLAIMS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Brussels, March 18.

Speaking to Pressmen after his return from Geneva, M. Vandervelde, recalling M. Briand's remark about the revision of the constitution of the League, pointed out that there were provisions of the covenant, which would be difficult if not impossible, to revise.

He contended that permanent seats should be held by those Powers with general interests. If the idea of permanent seats for lesser Powers were admitted, it would be impossible to know where to stop. He declared that the result of the Geneva crisis was a check and not a catastrophe.

The resignation of Belgium was unthinkable. If the question of additional permanent seats on the Council came up again, he would give full weight to Belgium's numerous claims for a permanent seat.

Formal Regret.

Geneva, March 18.

The Executive of the League of Nations has unanimously adopted a motion regretting that Germany has not immediately been admitted to the League, and expressing astonishment and indignation that Germany's admission was made the subject of secret bargains, pledges, and even threats uttered at variance with the methods, and spirit of the League.

The motion calls attention to "the extreme danger involved in the creation of any permanent irremovable members, whatsoever, except a few Great Powers whose continuous presence is necessary to strength the authority of the Council."

French View.

Paris, March 18.

The Ministerial statement of M. Briand's new Government, referring to Geneva, says that the fact that Germany's entry to the League had been adjourned was not the fault of the signatories to the Locarno pact.

Belated News.

Melbourne, March 18. In the House of Representatives, Mr. S. Bruce, Prime Minister, said that the Commonwealth Government had instructed its representatives at Geneva that it did not favour an increase in the permanent members of the League Council apart from Germany.

Commons Debate.

London, March 18.

The House of Commons debate on Geneva has been fixed for Tuesday.

German Cabinet.

Berlin, March 18.

The Cabinet Council has unanimously approved of the attitude of the German delegates at Geneva.

Session Concluded.

Geneva, Later.

The session of the League Council concluded after fixing May 17 for the meeting of the preparatory Committee to consider disarmament, on which Argentina and Chile have been invited to sit as additional members.

No Promise.

London, March 18.

In the House of Commons, Captain Walter Shaw (Conservative, Westbury) declared that a provisional promise was given to Germany at Locarno to the effect that if she entered the League she might ultimately obtain a Colonial mandate. He asked whether the Dominions had approved of such an undertaking?

Mr. Godfrey Locker-Lampson, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, replied that it was indicated to the German delegation at Locarno that Germany, as a member of the League, would be a possible candidate for Colonial mandates like all the other members; but it was incorrect to suggest that any promise or undertaking had been given to the German Government.

EARLIER CABLES.

London, March 17.

What is described as the "Flasque of Geneva" is the theme of strongly worded articles. This morning's "Times" says that the home of an institution designed to prevent war is suddenly transformed into a scene of the crudest manifestations of the very intrigues that drive desperate nations to war.

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HIS RE-APPOINTMENT.

H.R.H. Sub-Lieut. Prince George, R.N., fourth son of their Majesties the King and Queen, has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in the Royal Navy.

Seniority of the appointment dates from February 15 and Prince George remains on H.M.S. "Hawkins," flagship of Vice-Admiral Sir Edwyn Alexander-Sinclair, commander-in-chief of the China Squadron.

## K.R.A. DOINGS.

NEW COMMITTEE'S FIRST MEETING.

KOWLOON'S INTERESTS.

Several matters of interest were dealt with at the first meeting of the committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association, which comprises:

Rev. J. H. Johnson (president), Dr. J. C. Macgown (vice-president), Mr. J. M. Alves (hon. treasurer), Mr. C. W. Skeet (hon. secretary), Rev. Fr. Spada, Rev. G. R. Lindsay, Capt. T. T. Laurensen, Dr. S. W. Tso, Messrs. J. E. Anderson, W. J. Stokes, E. Cock, B. Wong Tape, Wong Kwong-tin, J. L. Parren, M. M. Watson, F. H. Crapnell, E. Abraham, E. V. M. R. de Sousa, J. M. Noronha, F. W. Stapleton, and A. W. Eastman.

Children's Playground: A sub-committee has been appointed—Messrs. J. E. Anderson, J. M. Alves, A. W. Eastman, F. H. Crapnell, E. Cock, Captain T. T. Laurensen—who will be pleased to receive suggestions from members.

The Government is willing to set aside land near the Chatham Road playground so that swings, etc., can be put further back from the road, for safety.

"Star" Ferry Wharf (Hongkong): On January 13, the company submitted a sketch dealing with proposed alterations to the wharf (on the Hongkong side) regarding access and exit.

Messrs. J. M. Alves, E. Cock and W. J. Stokes were appointed to report to the committee on April 9.

House Cleansing: The committee approved of a trial (and asks for encouragement and reports of inconveniences, etc.) suggested by the Sanitary Department that Kowloon servants' quarters be cleansed as has been done for many years in Hongkong (except Peak district).

There will be no expense to tenants, furniture would be moved to passages, etc., where convenient, and there will be no cleansing in rainy weather.

Traffic Danger: The hon. secretary is to write to the Colonial Secretary, expressing the opinion that—although the menace had been partly reduced by the work done—further delay in the straightening of Nathan Road (near the Po Hing Theatre) would amount to culpable neglect.

The K.R.A., while admitting that their estimate of the financial position may be wrong, are surprised at the decision to suspend work (on grounds of economy) when the new road is almost finished and the expense would be small when compared with the revenue from the corner site which would be then available.

Police Telephones: The hon. secretary is to ask the Captain Superintendent of Police that Mongkok station be connected by public telephone for the benefit of Homuntin residents.

Bus Service: Residents are asked to send views (to any officer of K.R.A. or P.O. box 346) regarding the Kowloon bus service, for discussion at the general committee meeting on April 9.

General Communications on the community's welfare are also welcome.

The committee is desirous of keeping in close touch with public opinion on these matters in order to take prompt action to remedy any unsatisfactory conditions existing.

The K.R.A. will always welcome additions to its membership.

There are estimated to be 10,000 members of 38 ping-pong clubs in Germany. Was this known at Locarno?

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## NOTICES.

HONGKONG ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders of the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Company, Limited, will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Shawan, Tomes and Co., St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th day of March, 1926, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the year ended on the 31st December, 1925, and of electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 24th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
S. COURTNEY COOK,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, March 9, 1926.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

THE FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 25th March, 1926, at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the General Managers for the year ended 31st December, 1925, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 20th March, 1926, until THURSDAY the 25th March, 1926, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 15th March, 1926.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

WITH reference to the Notice to the Shareholders of this Company dated 27th JANUARY, 1926, whereby the Final Call of \$1.00 per share on the New Shares was made payable on 1st APRIL, 1926, instead of 1st FEBRUARY, 1926, the General Managers and Consulting Committee have decided, in view of the conditions prevailing at present, to further extend the time for payment of this Call.

Notice is accordingly hereby given that the date for payment of the Final Call is postponed to 2nd JULY, 1926, and that the Form of Bankers' Receipt already sent to Shareholders can be used as though the date named therein were the 2nd JULY, 1926.

For the HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.  
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 16th March, 1926.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on FRIDAY, the 26th March, 1926, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1925.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th March, 1926, both days inclusive.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Forty-first Annual Ordinary General Meeting of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 27th March, 1926, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1925.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 19th day of March, to MONDAY, the 22nd day of March, 1926, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, March 18, 1926.

## NOTICES.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT Programmes and Entry Forms for the FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on SATURDAY, 3rd April, 1926, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.

Entries will close at 12 o'clock noon on SATURDAY, 20th March, 1926.

Hongkong, March 16, 1926.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

It is regretted that the State of the Race Course will not permit of its use for School Sports or Athletic Meetings.

R. J. PATERSON,  
Clerk of the Course.  
Hongkong, March 13, 1926.

HONGKONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members of this Association will be held in the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on TUESDAY, 23rd March, 1926, at 6.15 p.m., to pass and adopt the Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1925, and to elect Officers, etc.

By Order,  
P. M. HODGSON,  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, March 16, 1926.

THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, 2 Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on MONDAY, 29th March, 1926, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1925.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 23rd to the 29th March, 1926, (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
R. M. DYER,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 18th March, 1926.

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"KALYAN"	9,144	21st Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MAEDONIA"	11,089	18th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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"TILAWA"	10,000	28th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	2nd April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"PERIM"	9,048	10th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
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"KARMALA"	9,099	28th May	Shanghai & Kobe
"DELTA"	9,097	5th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ARAPURA KASHMIR"	9,000	11th June	Shanghai and Kobe
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"MACEDONIA"	11,089	15th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KALYA"	9,144	16th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
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## MALARIA "EDUCATION."

It may not generally be known that in the campaign against the deadly mosquito—the Health Section of the League of Nations has set up a special Commission to undertake the collective study of malaria in selected countries. This Commission, in turn, has selected three centres—London, Paris, and Hamburg—where tuition will be organised for microbiologists, for junior medical officers already engaged in malarial work.

But, what about malaria "education" in Hongkong and other British Possessions where the ravages of the mosquito make considerable inroads on the health of the community? Whilst all will fervently join in wishing every success to the Malaria Commission under the League of Nations auspices and to the junior medical officers to be trained at the centres mentioned, is there not a part to be played by the community here, collectively and individually? What does the average person know about the anopheles mosquito? How is he encouraged to become a recruit in the war against it? Is it fair to leave all to the doctors and the public health authorities? What about the rising generation? Is it not essential that the children of to-day should be encouraged to evince some interest in the matter?—one too often of life and death!

Those who have visited the Museum of Natural History in London may have noticed large-scale models of the anopheles mosquito, depicting all its parts at a glance and enabling the merest tyro ever after to distinguish between the anopheles and the harmless varieties of mosquitoes. Why should the local authorities not procure replicas of these models and have them placed on view in all the schools and hospitals, besides at the Ferry, Booking Office, Rail Station, and the Peak Tramway terminus? A request to the trustees or director of the Museum of Natural History would certainly result in such replicas being readily made and sent out to this Colony at a very reasonable cost—although in this, as in all questions appertaining to the public health, money must ever be a secondary consideration.

The idea of having large-scale models of the anopheles mosquito on view in schools and public places in Hongkong is an attractive one. They cannot but be of immense help in educating the community, young and old, and in stimulating a real interest in the humanitarian work of eradicating the mosquito from our midst.

Furthermore, not only are large-scale models of the mosquito to be seen at the Natural History Museum, but also similar models of the deadly house fly—a notorious carrier of germs to human food. The whole chrysalid stage of the fly from its conception is clearly demonstrated by models, as is also the process of alighting on food in kitchens and pantries and leaving thereon germs of disease. Hongkong is fortunately free from many other centres in the East of the house fly; but, even so, there is a war to be waged on the fly as well as on the mosquito. This war can be assisted by securing replicas of the large-scale models through the Natural History Museum and placing them also on view at places where people most do congregate. What about it?

## SCHOOLBOYS.

A reward should be given to anyone finding a specimen of Shakespeare's schoolboy with the "shining morning face." Such a specimen might well be put in a glass case and placed in the museum. It would brighten that doleful dungeon, and make it the mecca of all who sigh for Things As They Were. The fact of the matter is, there are no schoolboys and there are few schools. We call the former students and the latter colleges. A boy classed as a student has all the imagination knocked out of him: he becomes old before his time. Had Chinese schoolboys not been dubbed students, it is almost safe to say, they would not have been mixed up with politics, processions and plots, as some of them have. We spoil the boy by talking to him as a man. Honestly—we shall be glad when the last is heard of all this "loyalty of our students during the strike," business—which is surely leading to swelled-headedness. . . .

In the glut of annual prize-distributions at this particular time of the year, it is interesting to read that schoolboys of a certain school have foregone their book prizes in favour of their own library. A book may not be a solid test of a boy's disinterestedness, or generosity. But it is a beginning in the direction of abolishing the spirit of acquisition—ingrained in most children—more often than not fostered during school life. A former vice-chancellor of the University is in favour of school prizes; the present progressive head of a local progressive school is not—and he and his boys have the courage of their convictions and are responsible for a very agreeable innovation. We should like to hear what arguments there are in favour of the continuance of awarding prizes to children attending school. The danger is in a school hiring its attention on the "clever

scholar, and the keen disappointment and discouragement of the plodder—or even the backward—who is "consoled" by some well-meaning person, in a speech, to try again. This is a subject worth more than the feeble lines we have given to it.

## A. S. WATSON'S.

## ANNUAL REPORT FOR MEETING.

## LAST YEAR'S FIGURES.

The report of the general managers (Messrs. John D. Humphreys and Son) of Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd. (for the year ended October 31, 1925), for presentation to the 41st annual general meeting on March 27, reads:—

The net profit of the company for the year under review, after providing for all bad and doubtful debts and allowing for depreciation of aerated water and other machinery and plant, furniture, fittings, trade utensils, launches, motor lorries, motor car, etc., amounts to \$105,702.37.

To which has to be added the balance brought forward from last year, \$49,723.86.

Leaving available for appropriation, \$155,426.23.

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Total, \$155,426.23.

Board of Directors: The existing board of directors consists of the Hon. Sir C. P. Chater, C.M.G., LL.D., Mr. J. Scott Harston, and Mr. H. P. White, who retire, but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors: The company's accounts have been audited by Mr. C. Bernard Brown, A.C.A., and Mr. H. Greenwood, A.C.A., who offer themselves for re-election.

## KOWLOON CORNER.

## TO BE BROUGHT UP AGAIN.

## D.P.W.'S ASSURANCE.

The following reference to the Po Hing Theatre corner, Nathan Road was made at yesterday's special meeting of the Finance Committee.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock: Now we are in Finance Committee, may I ask whether the Director of Public Works has taken any steps with regard to the vote thrown out at the last meeting of the Council with regard to the dangerous corner at the junction of Nathan and Gascoigne Roads? I do not know whether it is possible for the Director to bring that matter up and put it before us in a cheaper form.

The Chairman: It will be brought up at the next regular meeting of the Committee.

## QUESTIONS.

## HONGKONG FIRE FIGHTING PROBLEM.

## A GINGER QUESTION.

The Hon. Mr. Holyoak has given notice of his intention to ask the following questions at the next meeting of the Council:—

- (1) What steps are being taken to improve the Fire Brigade—fire fighting appliances and water pressure—in the mains of the Colony?
- (2) Will the Government appoint a Committee of Enquiry into these matters.
- (3) What steps are being taken:
  - (a) to foster and develop the cultivation of poultry, vegetables and food supplies in the New Territories?
  - (b) to assist the cultivation and growth of ginger root and foster the ginger industry in the New Territories?

## "HERETIC" PASTOR.

## THE WAY OF THE DUTCH CHURCH.

(Reuter's Service.)

Amsterdam, March 18. The General Synod of the Dutch Reformed Church at Assen has unanimously decided to expel from the Reformed Church Dr. Gellertsen, who is also to be deprived of his pastorate at Amsterdam, South, on account of his preaching whilst under suspension.

## TRADE FIGURES.

## ARE THEY WORTH THE EXPENSE?

## COUNCIL DISCUSSION.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee (the Colonial Secretary) stated, at the meeting yesterday that at the request of the Chamber of Commerce the matter of the closing of the trade statistics department had been brought up for discussion again.

After members had given their views no resolution was framed and the matter was left over for the two Chambers of Commerce to report.

In the course of the discussion, the Chairman remarked that the expenditure, if the bureau was started, would be in the region of \$70,000 to which would have to be added the accommodation for a large staff.

The Chairman quoted the Hon. Mr. David Landale, a member of the Council who in 1918 termed the demands of the statistical department as irksome and said that it must not be left sight of that Hongkong owed its prosperity to being a free port. The Chairman remarked that it was because we were a free port that figures could not be kept accurately.

## Committee "Sceptical."

The Chairman also referred to a report of Mr. J. D. Lloyd, Superintendent of Imports and Exports, who discussed with the Shipping Sub-Committee the question of the value of the statistical department. This Committee had been very sceptical of the value of trade figures at all and doubted whether they were worth the time, money and bother involved.

In the course of his report on this meeting, Mr. Lloyd said that some of the Sub-Committee thought that all the necessary information in a "sufficiently" accurate form could be rendered by the shipping companies supplying a manifest in a slightly fuller form than at present, with values inserted, the amounts being guessed from the standard packing usually employed in various trades. Many members did not see why value should be wanted at all. The merchant interested only wanted quantities. I pointed out that for statistical purposes a common denominator was needed to show tendencies. The reply was that this only interested newspapers and writers of articles and reports. It was made quite plain to me that the average British business man in the Colony makes little use of statistics and can see little practical use in them. This has been my impression since I have been in this office.

The Sub-Committee finally decided to ask the Chinese Chamber of Commerce whether the figures for purely Chinese coastal trade were of any use to Chinese merchants, and to ask the General Committee of the Chamber whether statistics were of any practical value and whether they could not be abolished, or at least very much simplified and confined to foreign ports only.

Shippers' Objections.

The Hon. Mr. Holyoak remarked that it was to be noted that the objections to the department on the grounds of it being something in the nature of a nuisance were raised by the shipping members of the Sub-Committee. He was confident that the general merchant feeling was that one could not have a first class port like Hongkong standing as the only place in the world which did not keep statistical records.

The Hon. Mr. Bird: Why did the Chamber appoint a Sub-Committee simply of Shipping men?

Mr. Lloyd volunteered an explanation. He had been delegated to consider with this Sub-Committee certain minor amendments to the regulations and instead of the discussion being confined to the points at issue, it broadened out and finally resolved itself, after about an hour and a half, into a general discussion as to whether the statistics were any good. The Sub-Committee decided it was a question for the General Committee, and the proposal was made finally that the whole question of whether the statistics should be abolished or not should be referred to the General Committee, who could take the general opinion of the members as to whether the Department could be carried on or not.

The letter of the Chamber of Commerce which led to the matter of the abolition of the department being brought up for discussion was read. In it the value was dealt with of having data giving foreign competition with British goods, the movement of commodities, and the fluctuations which occur from time to time in the staple trades of the Colony, for example, the rice trade, which in recent years has passed through vicissitudes clearly indicated in the statistics.

Through the present suspension of the Statistical Branch the effect of the anti-British Boycott upon the Colony's trade can only be vaguely estimated, although it is of the greatest importance to know as precisely as possible the strength and effectiveness of the attack now being made upon the Colony's vital resources.

The letter also offered suggestions with regard to the possibility of reducing the costs of the statistics.

The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak also read the report of the Chamber of Commerce for 1924 in which the matter of the department was referred to and it was stated that a considerable majority of merchants were of the opinion that the statistics were of great use for business purposes, although most of the British and foreign merchants set no value upon statistics of native trade.

Sub-Committee Overriden.

When the possibility of eliminating statistics of native trade was considered, the report stated, it was found to be impracticable because it was clear from the Returns that the Chinese trade amounted to a very large proportion of the Exports and Imports of the Colony and that to limit the statistics to commodities of interest to British and Foreign Merchants only would be to give an entirely erroneous impression of the actual trade of the Colony. Further, as it did not appear that the suggested alternative method of compiling statistics would be found workable by the Statistical Department it was decided to take no further action in the matter.

The Hon. Mr. Holyoak remarked that there would never be unanimity on this subject, because quite naturally the shipping men would be opposed to it.

The Chairman: For what reason?

Hon. Mr. Holyoak: Because of the extra trouble of obtaining permits and the possible holding up of cargo.

Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang: It does not inconvenience the shipping office to any very great extent. I think the permits are obtained by the merchants themselves.

The Chairman: Is the value worth the cost?

Hon. Mr. Lang: That is a point I am not in a position to give an opinion on at the moment. The question one must ask oneself is of what use are these figures? I cannot say that they are of any great value to the merchant whatsoever. That has been my opinion all through and I have said so to the Chamber of Commerce, but my colleagues out-voted me, and of course I naturally bow to the opinion of the majority.

## No Definite Vote.

The Chairman: I am not asked to put the matter to a definite vote, but simply to ascertain whether in a general discussion reasons can be given to convince His Excellency that the decision should be reversed. So far we have a consensus of opinion on the other side, and not a unanimous general opinion. Shall I leave it at that?

Hon. Mr. Lang: If I could ascertain what use is made of these figures, I might easily change my opinion.

The Chairman: The Chamber of Commerce would be the right body to persuade you.

The Hon. Mr. Kotewall: was consulted by the Chairman as to how the Chinese viewed the question.

Mr. Kotewall said that he and his Chinese colleague asked that the Chinese Chamber of Commerce be given an opportunity to have the matter considered again by a full General Committee.

The Chairman: As far as I can see so far there have been no very convincing reasons that I can submit to His Excellency for reversing the previous decision, but the opinion has been expressed on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce that Hongkong as a port of importance should have a statistical department.

Hon. Mr. Holyoak: I would not like it to remain there. I should like the whole question reopened and gone into most thoroughly. I think a great deal more evidence can be produced to convince you that the case is not quite so flimsy as you consider it or the argument so weak. After all it is not a very expensive department having regard to the value of the trade concerned.

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Through the present suspension of the Statistical Branch the effect of the anti-British Boycott upon the Colony's trade can only be vaguely estimated, although it is of the greatest importance to know as precisely as possible the strength and effectiveness of the attack now being made upon the Colony's vital resources.

The letter also offered suggestions with regard to the possibility of reducing the costs of the statistics.

The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak also read the report of the Chamber of Commerce for 1924 in which the matter of the department was referred to and it was stated that a considerable majority of merchants were of the opinion that the statistics were of great use for business purposes, although most of the British and foreign merchants set no value upon statistics of native trade.

Sub-Committee Overriden.

When the possibility of eliminating statistics of native trade was considered, the report stated, it was found to be impracticable because it was clear from the Returns that the Chinese trade amounted to a very large proportion of the Exports and Imports of the Colony and that to limit the statistics to commodities of interest to British and Foreign Merchants only would be to give an entirely erroneous impression of the actual trade of the Colony. Further, as it did not appear that the suggested alternative method of compiling statistics would be found workable by the Statistical Department it was decided to take no further action in the matter.

The Hon. Mr. Holyoak remarked that there would never be unanimity on this subject, because quite naturally the shipping men would be opposed to it.

The Chairman: For what reason?

Hon. Mr. Holyoak: Because of the extra trouble of obtaining permits and the possible holding up of cargo.

Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang: It does not inconvenience the shipping office to any very great extent. I think the permits are obtained by the merchants themselves.

The Chairman: Is the value worth the cost?

Hon. Mr. Lang: That is a point I am not in a position to give an opinion on at the moment. The question one must ask oneself is of what use are these figures? I cannot say that they are of any great value to the merchant whatsoever. That has been my opinion all through and I have said so to the Chamber of Commerce, but my colleagues out-voted me, and of course I naturally bow to the opinion of the majority.

No Definite Vote.

The Chairman: I am not asked to put the matter to a definite vote, but simply to ascertain whether in a general discussion reasons can be given to convince His Excellency that the decision should be reversed. So far we have a consensus of opinion on the other side, and not a unanimous general opinion. Shall I leave it at that?

Hon. Mr. Lang: If I could ascertain what use is made of these figures, I might easily change my opinion.

The Chairman: The Chamber of Commerce would be the right body to persuade you.

The Hon. Mr. Kotewall: was consulted by the Chairman as to how the Chinese viewed the question.

Mr. Kotewall said that he and his Chinese colleague asked that the Chinese Chamber of Commerce be given an opportunity to have the matter considered again by a full General Committee.

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While watching a football match, a Chinese shoemaker of Canton Road was bitten by a dog belonging to a carpenter. Dr. Smalley attended to the injured man. In the case of another Chinese who was taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital, he was badly bitten by a dog at Tokwan. The animal was sent to Kennedy Town.



## GENEVA CHECK.

(Continued from Page 1.)

The "Daily Telegraph" expresses scepticism that the assurances of the work at Locarno will remain intact.

The "Westminster Gazette" is apprehensive of further damage to the League if any reshuffling of the Council is not carried out in a more honourable process than the blackmailing competition just ended.

The "Daily Chronicle" accuses France of gerrymandering the League, but Sir Austen Chamberlain had taken a stronger stand a month ago the trouble would not have arisen.

The "Daily News" finds that Sir Austen Chamberlain and M. Briand are jointly responsible for the disgraceful proceeding which made the League an Aunt Sally for every political jackanapes.

Absolved.  
Paris, March 18.  
The papers are of opinion that Germany has come out not only absolved, but celebrated, exalted and almost triumphant.

Sheeplike Patience.  
Berlin, March 18.  
The Nationalist papers virulently attack Dr. Luther and Dr. Stresemann for their "sheeplike patience and servility," and demand their resignation.

The "Lokal Anzeiger" rejoices that the League is now a heap of ruins.

The "Socialist Vorwaerts" and two other papers are of the opinion that Brazil was secretly supported by Mussolini.

American View.  
New York, March 18.  
The newspapers generally consider that there is no occasion for pessimism, because, as the "New York World" says, "Europe is no worse than three months ago. It is simply not so advanced as it was advertised to be."

Interesting.  
Geneva, March 18.  
It is understood that the Committee to examine the question of reorganisation of the Council will include members of the Council and representatives of Switzerland, Poland, Germany, China, and Argentina.

The last-named is an interesting inclusion in view of Argentina's withdrawal from the League three years ago on account of divergence of opinion, notably regarding the composition of the Council. It is also noteworthy that Germany is included, though not yet a member.

The report of the Committee will be presented in September.

## WORLD COURT.

NEED OF A GENERAL AGREEMENT.

AMERICA'S RESERVATIONS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Geneva, March 18.  
At a public sitting the Executive of the League of Nations Union agreed to a motion proposed by Sir Austen Chamberlain to draw the attention of all the Governments which had received from the Government of the United States a copy of the American Senate resolution, embodying the reservations governing the adherence of the United States to the World Court of Justice, to the difficulty of proceeding by a mere exchange of Notes, and the consequent need for a general agreement by the Council.

It was also proposed that all the Governments concerned, including the United States, should appoint delegates to participate in a discussion of the reservations and frame a new agreement at the meeting of the Assembly of the League at Geneva on September 1.

America Surprised.  
Washington, March 18.  
The reports that the League of Nations may ask the representatives of the Washington Government to explain the American reservations to the ratification of the World Court have caused great surprise to the State Department.

Mr. Kellogg stated that the Government was dealing directly with the 48 members of the Court regarding the acceptance of its reservations, which it understood had been approved of by several Governments.

Mr. Kellogg declined to indicate his action if the League persisted in attempting to deal with the matter.

## STUBBORN.

THE SOVIET STILL BANNING SWITZERLAND.

(Reuter's Service.)

Geneva, March 18.  
M. Chicherin has informed the Secretary-General of the League that Russia is prepared to participate in a meeting of the preparatory Committee of the Economic Conference on April 24 if the venue is not Switzerland.

## RUBBER NEEDS.

MORE RELEASES UNDER SCHEME.

QUESTION IN THE COMMONS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 18.  
In the House of Commons Colonel H. Woodcock (Conservative, Everton) asked the intentions of the Colonial Office in regard to a further increase in the releases of rubber under the Stevenson scheme.

Mr. L. S. M. Amery, Secretary of State for the Colonies, said that he was closely watching the rubber situation, and hoped to be able to make a public notification in due course in regard to the release of rubber under the Stevenson scheme. He would make an announcement as early as possible—probably within a fortnight.

A Query for Hoover.  
Washington, March 18.  
Commenting on Mr. Hoover's recent statement to the effect that his campaign against the high rubber prices had been effective, the "Sun" recalls that Rostand's Barnyard was a "hero" who thought that his crowing made the sun rise on paper.

It says that Mr. Hoover is in danger of taking himself too seriously. If the price of rubber was brought down simply by a little campaign on the part of the Secretary of Commerce, why does he not bring down anthracite prices, house rents, and the cost of living generally?

A cable received in Shanghai on March 11 from London stated that it is rumoured on the London market that producers intended voluntarily to restrict tapping in order to withhold supplies in anticipation of a big "bull" movement.

## NEUTRALS' RIGHTS.

COMMENT ON AMERICA'S CLAIMS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 18.  
British circles are astonished at the idea underlying Senator Borah's resolution requesting the State Department to report what steps had been taken towards the negotiation of American claims against Britain and France in connection with the violation of the rights of neutrals prior to the American entry into the Great War.

On this matter a message from Washington says that the Foreign Relations Committee has not acted. It is indicated that Mr. Kellogg, Secretary of State, will welcome an opportunity of discussing the question with Senator Borah, and Mr. Kellogg and the Ambassador, Mr. A. B. Houghton, will discuss it at pending conferences.

Another message says that there is no evidence that the United States intends to push the claims seriously.

Not Understood.

London, Later.  
The London papers are unable to understand how such a claim can be prosecuted.

The "Daily Telegraph's" diplomatic correspondent says that British circles are completely taken aback, and decline to credit that the United States will give official effect to the suggestion. They are of opinion that the Americans have too keen a sense of equity and honour to be influenced by such divagations.

The correspondent argues that juridically America will be stopped from advancing such a claim by her own acts as a co-belligerent after her entry into the war.

The "Morning Post's" diplomatic correspondent points out that it was at America's instigation when she entered the war that Japan was asked to tighten her grip on Eastern waters.

The "Daily News" says that the supposed claims total millions of pounds and adds that it goes without saying that Great Britain will emphatically repudiate Senator Borah's contention, but it seems certain that powerful political and commercial interests in the United States will press it.

A previous cable announced Senator Borah's resolution, and mentioned that it was referred to the Foreign Relations Committee of which Senator Borah is the Chairman.

Frisivolous.

London, March 18.  
The "Morning Post" correspondent at Washington says that 3,000 claims have been filed in the State Department against Great Britain for violation of neutral rights in war time, many of which are frivolous.

The correspondent recalls decisions of the United States Supreme Court against British shippers during the Civil War to show that the Court in "pursuance of those rulings" would be compelled to reject the present claims.

## A CLIMB DOWN.

CHINESE YIELD TO POWERS' ULTIMATUM.

A SHOOTING SEQUEL.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, March 18.  
The Foreign Office has replied to the Powers' ultimatum. The reply is considered satisfactory, and therefore the threatened action will not be taken.

Students Demonstrate.

Peking, Later.  
Chinese guards fired on a thousand students demonstrating at the Cabinet Office against the Taku reply. Seventeen students were killed and sixteen wounded.

China's Reply.

Peking, Later.  
Following is an unofficial translation of the Wei-chiao-pu's reply to Mr. Oudendijk, doyen of the Diplomatic Body.

"We hasten to reply to Your Excellency's note of March 16, and acknowledge the memorandum which the commanders of the naval forces at Tientsin handed to the Taku Forts authorities, which you also referred to the Wei-chiao-pu. We immediately conveyed the same to the local military authorities in-structing them to examine and act upon your demands."

"Communication between Peking and the sea, as provided in the Protocol, must not be imperilled. The necessity of this has been recognised by the Chinese Government hitherto. Unfortunately, military disputes and operations have recently occurred in the vicinity of Taku, causing foreign shipping to be subjected to some restrictions. Having received more than one Note on this subject from the foreign Powers the Chinese Government is doing its utmost to find means to remove the obstacles and restore communications with the sea. These facts are probably within your knowledge. However, without awaiting an amicable settlement instructed the Commanders of their naval forces at Tientsin to lodge a memorandum giving a time limit."

"Judging from the contents of this communication the attitude adopted by the naval forces in the opinion of the Chinese Government, is beyond the scope of the 1901 Protocol, and the Chinese Government cannot regard the communication as appropriate. The Chinese Government having instructed the local military forces to give due consideration to and act upon the terms conveyed in your memorandum, begs you to convey this Note to all the Ministers of the Powers having naval forces at Tientsin and request them to instruct their Naval Commanders as soon as possible to consult amicably with the local Chinese military authorities regarding a means to maintain safe communications along the channel to the sea and to refrain from carrying out any drastic measures in view of the existing friendship between China and the countries concerned."

Japan's Demand.

Tokyo, March 17.  
The Cabinet has decided to instruct Mr. Yoshizawa to demand a formal apology for the Taku incident, punishment of the guilty Chinese and indemnification of the wounded. Mr. Yoshizawa has been instructed to negotiate the details and make them as lenient as possible.

The Government spokesman said it did not matter whether China accepts responsibility. Japan does not intend to resort to force if there is no agreement, but might take up the question with the World Court. He emphasised that friendly and peaceable results were Japan's main aim.

A Scapegoat?

Peking, March 18.  
It is learned from a reliable source that Lu Chung-lin, Commander of the Kuomintang at Tientsin, has unofficially admitted responsibility for the Taku incident, though it is understood the question of saving his face is at present preventing a formal acknowledgment.

It is understood the Japanese Government has instructed Mr. Yoshizawa to endeavour to settle the matter as soon as possible as procrastination is likely to arouse ill-feeling between both countries.

Official despatches received at Tokyo this morning confirm that the Shantung gunboats were instructed to give up the blockade last night.

No "Hasty" Methods.

Later.  
The first section of Reuter's cable agrees with the official translation as regards wording. The second section follows, upon examination of the contents of this communication:—

"It appears that the naval commanders at Tientsin thereby assumed an attitude which the Chinese Government considers beyond the scope of the Protocol. The Chinese Government cannot recognise this as an equitable means. Competent Chinese military authorities have been authorised to take proper measures regarding the different clauses of the said communication. At the same time, we request Your Excellency to communicate with Ministers having naval forces at Tientsin to the end that they on their side immediately authorise their naval commanders at Tientsin to enter into relations with the local Chinese military authorities in order to find together proper ways and means for the maintenance of communications with the sea."

"It is essential no recourse should be had to extreme or 'too hasty methods.'"

Military Give-In.

Later.  
Pi Shou-cheng, on behalf of the Tientsin flotilla, has agreed unconditionally to all the demands of the Powers.

Lu Chung-lin has agreed to all except that regarding the inspection of foreign vessels, on which he has made a slight reservation to the effect that the river police be permitted to accompany the Customs' officials in searching foreign vessels, to which it is understood the Powers do not object.

## 117 MILLIONS.

ESTIMATE OF AMERICAN POPULATION.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, March 18.  
The Census Bureau estimates that the population of the United States on August 1 will be 117,136,317—an increase of over 11,000,000 since 1920.

## HOURS TO WORK.

INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT SIGNED.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 18.  
The Labour Conference on the eight hours day, which has been meeting in London and attended by the Labour Ministers of Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy, and Belgium, has signed an agreement at the Labour Ministry.

## POLICY OF LOOT.

ONLY OBJECT OF CHINA'S WARS.

RUSSIA GETS FOOTHOLD.

Although the many-sided problem of China in transition requires long study, an impartial observer can soon realise that the immediate future offers no prospect of a stable central authority arising which is capable of reuniting the country.

Lawless students are able to terrorise these paper Ministers by threats and acts of violence. Some of them have fled in disguise. Those that remain live in a state of panic, hoping only to cling precariously to the skirts of office until the Customs conference produces some kind of an agreement which will enable them to float a foreign loan by pledging as security the additional Customs revenue thus ensured.

The country, victimised by mercenaries, may be likened to England in military commanders—some of them ex-bandits and others ex-politicians—established themselves at Exeter, Norwich, Carlisle, Canterbury, and made organised raids on the countryside for the collection of money and plate where-with to feed their men and bribe each other's corps leaders, meanwhile blandly ignoring the plaintive and ineffective protests issued from Whitehall to all concerned.

The day will doubtless come when a dictator stronger than any now in the field, and possessing really great qualities of leadership as well as a sincere desire to rehabilitate his country, will come to the front, but that time is still far off, (says Sir Percival Phillips in the "Daily Mail").

Meanwhile the shadow of Red Russia can be clearly discerned behind the compelling figure of General Feng, the present master of Peking and the country round about.

General Feng may think he is making a fool of the Soviet. But even if his policy is one of dissimulation it is dangerous. The Chinese leaders at Canton accepted the proffered aid of Russia—men and munitions—and now find themselves helpless in her grip. As Karakhan said in a moment of expansiveness, "Give us a foothold inside the door and we shall sit down without waiting to be offered a chair."

Yesterday, a case each of small-pox and enteric fever were notified. Both patients were Chinese.

## Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

March 19-20—Queen's Theatre: Ramon Navarro and Barbara La Marr in "Thy Name Is Woman."

March 19—Star Theatre: "Cytherea" (the Goddess of Love).

March 19—World Theatre: Anita Stewart in "The Invisible Fear."

March 19—Masked Ball at City Hall, 9 p.m.

March 20—Star Theatre: "The Sport of Kings," 9.15 p.m.

March 21—Star Theatre: "No, No, Nanette," 8 p.m. and 9.15 p.m.

April 10—Carnival at Repulse Bay Hotel.

Sports.

March 20—Hongkong Boxing Association's sixth tournament of the Season at Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

April 3—"Extra" race meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club.

Company Meetings.

March 23—Annual meeting of the Hongkong Automobile Association at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's office, 9.15 p.m.

March 24—Fourth annual meeting of shareholders of Hongkong Engineering & Construction Co., Ltd., at St. George's Building, Chater Road, 11 a.m.

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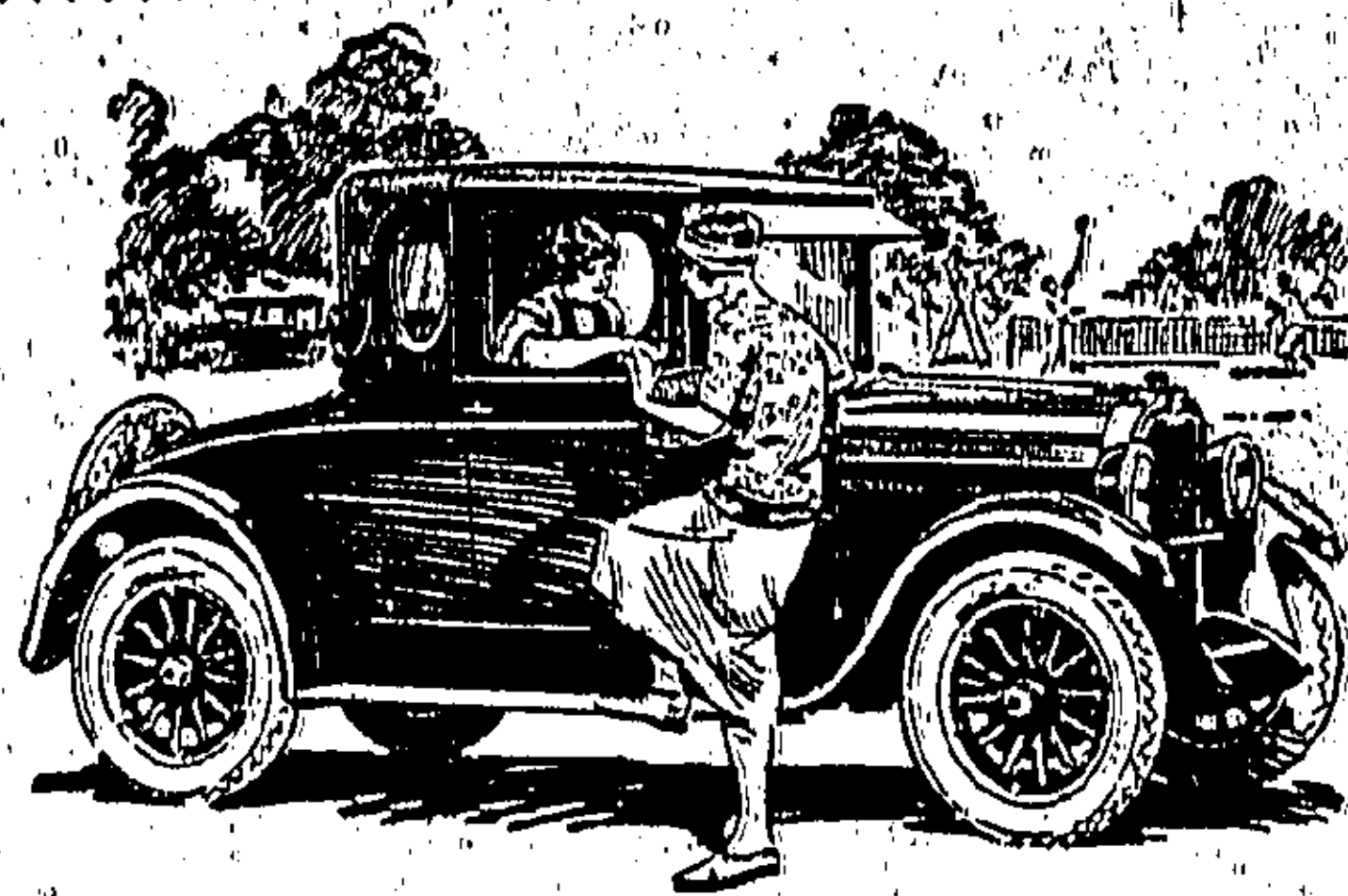
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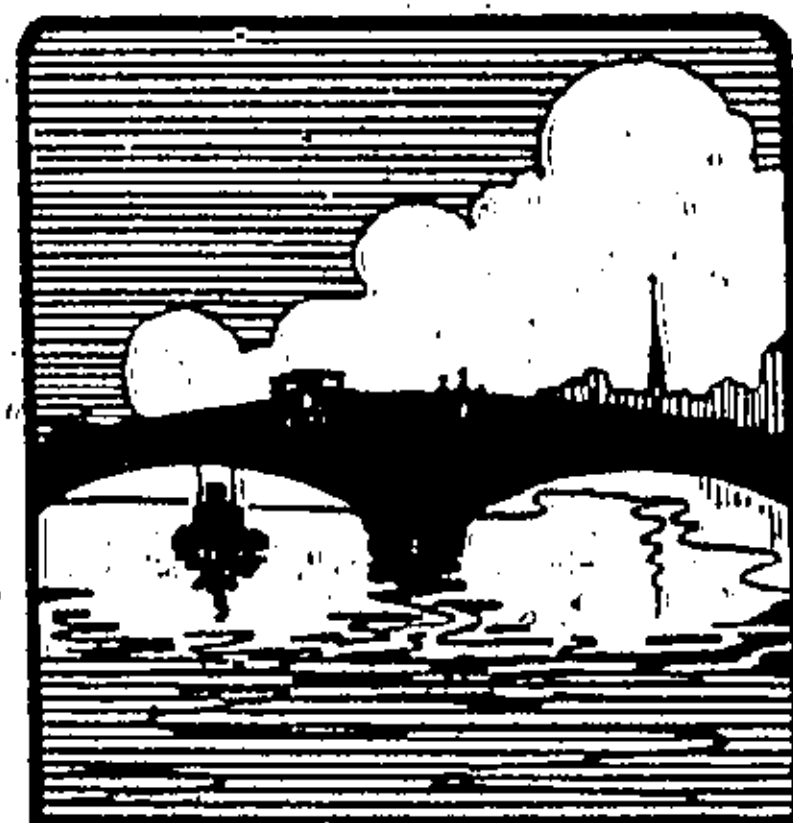
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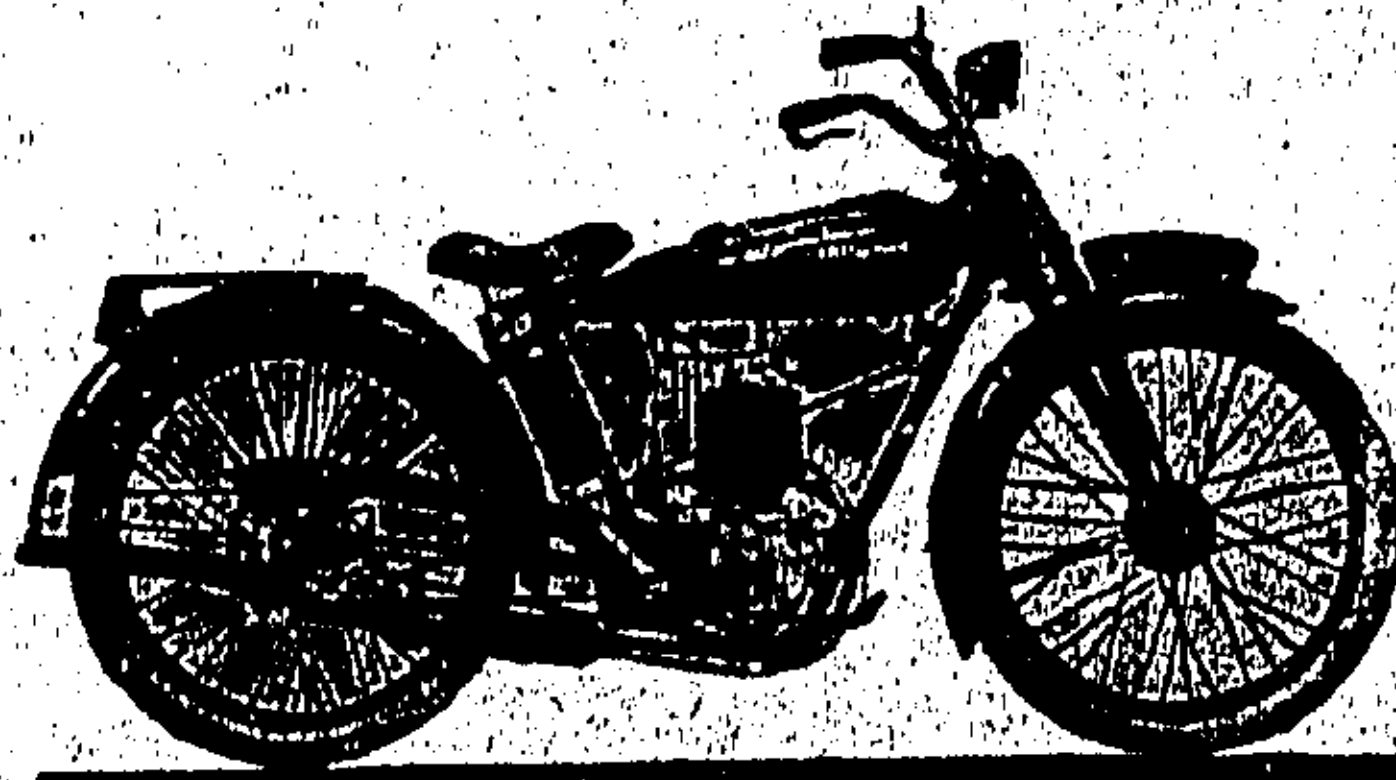
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## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The annual meeting of the Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd. is to be held on Monday, March 22, at noon.

A truck loaded with iron bars collided with a tram car at Praya East. One of the coolies pushing the truck was injured and the rest ran away.

The number of unemployed in Germany in January increased by more than a quarter of a million. On January 31 the number had risen to 2,080,000.

Murder is suspected in the case of a Chinese married woman whose body was found by the police in a vacant flat in Nam Cheong Street, Shamshuipo, yesterday afternoon. The body bore marks of wounding with a knife.

Three boatmen were charged yesterday before the Kowloon Magistrate (Mr. J. H. Nihill) with assaulting two other boatmen. The police agreed with a suggestion made by Mr. D. McCullum (for the defence) that both parties should be bound over, and the Magistrate made an order accordingly.

As stated in the "China Mail" yesterday, the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Captain Superintendent of Police, was the guest of honour at a dinner given by Mr. Edward Sykes, Honorary Police Commissioner of New York City, at the Hongkong Hotel, last night. Mr. R. C. Tredwell, the American Consul, was unable to be present owing to indisposition.

In an armed robbery at Shanghai Street, Yau-mat, on Wednesday, a haul amounting to \$124 in money and jewellery was taken. A gang of robbers entered a house at Reclamation Street, Yau-mat, yesterday afternoon and escaped with money and jewellery to the value of \$200. Three armed men entered the house of a Chinese rubber planter in the Sha-tukok district early yesterday morning and took money and property to the value of \$765. Two boys, aged 18 and 9 years, were also kidnapped.

Why is it that the nicest women nearly always have the "stuffed" husbands and the cheeriest husbands often such very feline wives, asks the "Straits Echo."

Some fine acting is to be seen in "Thy Name is Woman" showing at the Queen's Theatre. The ill-fated Barbara La Marr—recently deceased—and William V. Mong, in particular, are splendid.

A fire which taxed the brigades to their utmost, completely demolished the factory building of H. Diederichsen, opposite the Robert Dollar Company, at Hankow, and destroyed the machinery and stocks of Liu Brothers Egg Drying Company, who had rented the premises. The total loss of building, machinery and cargo amounted to approximately Tls. 185,000.

Old Austria used special stamps for posting newspapers, called "Merkur" stamps. Most of them have become very rare, and fancy prices are paid by collectors. They were issued in many colours; the rarest specimens are now the yellow ones. A short time ago a block of twelve beautifully preserved yellow "Merkur" stamps were found stuck on an old periodical of 1857, and are said to be worth hundreds of pounds. The periodical had been addressed to "His Apostolic Majesty, the Emperor Ferdinand at Prague."

Sisters of Good Shepherd Convent, Manila, are complaining to the department of justice of the leniency of lower courts toward minor girls convicted of statutory offences and sentenced to be confined in the institution for social reform. The sisters say that the usual penalty is from one to two months and contend that the period is insufficient to enable them to make the girls useful to society. The sister recommend that the sentence of confinement be increased to at least one year. It is understood that the acting secretary of justice has endorsed the communication of the Good Shepherd sisters to the municipal court and courts of first instance for comment.

The total strength of the Territorial Army on December 31 last, exclusive of permanent staff, was 144,937, an increase of 4,300 compared with January 1, 1925.

A Syrian document has been found in the Rylands Library at Manchester which, in the opinion of Dr. Rendel Harris, shows that Jesus was not more than 5ft. 2in. in height.

A Derbyshire panel doctor who had accepted \$8 8s. in 16 payments from an insured person for performing a slight operation every six months has been ordered by the Insurance Committee to refund the money and forgo 25 of his ordinary remuneration.

Construction of a library and museum with a hall of fame of eminent Filipinos; creation of provincial chapters serving in an honorary capacity, together with the board of trustees; and the university to constitute the National Board of Trustees, and a thorough revision of courses of study are among the extensive plans of President Camillo Osias for a greater and better National University.

Discussing Lord Southwark's remark that the market was flooded with clerks, Mr. W. C. Keay, secretary of the National Federation of Professional Workers, said that the Federation had estimated from the 1921 census that the number of clerks, typists, and draughtsmen engaged in England, Wales, and Scotland was 1,124,790 persons. They were composed of a little over six hundred thousand males and slightly under five hundred thousand females. One reason for the overcrowding of entrants into office work after leaving school was the early age at which clerks were admitted to offices compared with that of recognised trades and professions. The raising of the school-leaving age from fourteen or fifteen or sixteen would assist in mitigating the evil of overcrowding at an early age an occupation which was already adequately recruited.

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## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. C. W. E. Bishop leaves the Colony early next month. He has been a prominent member of the Hongkong Football Club.

The annual distribution of prizes of the Tutorial Institute will take place at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Hall on Saturday evening. The Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotevalk, has consented to give away the prizes.

The late Mr. W. G. B. Denman Fuller (45), of Coniston Lodge, Richmond Park Road, Bournemouth, formerly of Hongkong, left property in Great Britain valued at £7,643 (net personality £7,562).

The Kobe Catholic Association, with the aid of the Kobe Dance Orchestra, gave a Beggars' Carnival (Fancy Dress Optional) at the Oriental Hotel, on March 13, in aid of their two Leper Hospitals.

Gladys Bull, aged 14, of the L.C.C. School at Kennington, with whom the Prince of Wales shook hands, said that dozens of her school friends "crowded about me and, seizing my hand that the Prince had shaken, kissed it again and again."

At the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps Headquarters last night a farewell dinner was given by the Scottish Company to Capt. J. B. Ross, 2nd-Lieut. H. E. D. Adams and 2nd-Lieut. K. S. Morrison, all of the Scottish Company, who are leaving the Colony on long Home leave.

The following forthcoming marriages are announced.—Mr. Reginald Charles Pass, marine engineer of No. 2 Saffee Terrace, to Miss Elizabeth Davidson, of 5 King's Buildings; Mr. Henry Lowcock, merchant of 15, Babington Path, to Miss Mabel Kotevalk of 57 Conduit Road; Mr. Alberto Antonio Maria Rodrigues, of No. 1 St. Joseph's Terrace, to Miss Carmen Justina da Rosa, of 17 Ladder Street.

The "Daily News" learns from a trustworthy source that the health of Signor Mussolini is causing serious uneasiness to those about him. He is suffering from a complaint attended with slight but continuous hæmorrhage and there have been two attacks of hæmorrhage, much more serious in character, and another might prove fatal. Signor Mussolini is frequently in pain, his nerves are greatly affected and he is reluctant to have an operation.

"If you marry a widow with six children you are asking for trouble."—Marylebone magistrate.

Mr. Trimmer, the blind organist of St. Peter's Church, Wrexham, near Farnham, has not missed a service in 21 years.

When an elderly man said he was recovering from the effects of an accident, Judge Parfitt, at Clerkenwell, remarked: "A modern boy would have said, 'I shall never be any good again.'"



Miss Helen Wills, premier American woman tennis player.

Evening wigs of gold and silver tinsel thread or of coloured silks are worn in Paris by those who realise that the shingle, however desirable in the daytime, looks incongruous on so many evening frocks. These wigs are made up on a strong net or muslin cap, which fits closely to the head.

Compton Mackenzie, is among the lucky ones who always "see things" in colour. Ever since he was a child the printed word has been full of life to him. When he was about four years old he heard the hymn, "Once in Royal David's City," and immediately "saw" it gold and purple, while his childish grace before meat appeared to him as a long thin chocolate brown line, and that of the "grace after" was a life of mustardy yellow. There was no reason for this; and even now Mackenzie does not attempt to explain it.

Mr. J. H. E. Nihill, who recently returned from leave, has been appointed as Magistrate in the Kowloon Court, relieving Mr. E. W. Hamilton.

Mr. T. J. Coast, of Rock Ferry, Cheshire, left £100 to Gillingham Corporation, the interest to provide a watch for a council schoolboy who is first in the Dockyard Civil Service examination.

Sir Rider Haggard left behind him an autobiography, "The Days of My Life" and the publication of this interesting work will come about shortly. Sir Rider made an express reference to this autobiography in his will. Apart from this promising book, one or two complete Haggard novels are still to see the light, and a uniform edition of his works is contemplated.

In having their names engraved on the toes of their shoes, women of fashion are following an example set years ago by a notable member of the "Fancy." An old Londoner relates how one day in a tavern he was impressed by the bearing of another occupant of the bar, and asked a friend if he knew him. "Look at his boots," whispered his companion. The object of his curiosity heard, and turned his right foot for inspection. On the toe-cap was picked out in little brass studs the name "Tom Sayers."

A London writer says:—It must be acknowledged that Signor Mussolini commands a striking oratorical style. Whether we agree or not with his political views, there is no getting away from the effectiveness of the message recently quoted in the "Times": "We wish for peace. I went and I would return to Locrino, but while words of peace flash on the horizon I cannot avoid noticing that the skies are filling with prodigious flying machines and the seas with new naval war units. Our sincerest peace, like that of the Paradise of Islam, lies in the shadow of the sword." The man is evidently in deadly earnest, and the fire and vivacity of his thought shines through his language.

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# "CHINA MAIL" SPORTS PAGE

## LOCAL SOCCER.

### TO-MORROW'S LEAGUE GAMES.

### COMING ACTIVITIES.

The following League soccer matches have been arranged for to-morrow:

#### DIVISION I.

Hongkong F.C. v. Police, Club ground, 4.30 p.m.  
1/2nd Surrey v. South China, Sookampoo, 4.30 p.m.  
Kowloon F.C. v. "Tamar," Kowloon, 4.30 p.m.

#### DIV. II. (SEC. A.)

Surreys Reserves v. South China, "A" Club ground, 3 p.m.  
Kowloon Reserves v. Royal Artillery Reserves, Kowloon, 3 p.m.

#### DIV. II. (SEC. B.)

South China "C" v. Moslem, Sookampoo, 3 p.m.  
University v. St. Joseph's College, Bowdler, St. Joseph's ground, 3 p.m.

There are three games in the senior division, and that at Sookampoo is bound to attract the crowd, for not only are the Chinese playing there, but the result of this game will have a very strong bearing on the ultimate destination of the championship. The Surrey will again be playing two reserves, for Mitchell is still unable to play, and they have not been able to find a suitable substitute for Eaton at inside right. Their play against a very moderate Club side on Wednesday, was not very impressive, and they will need to do very much better to-morrow if they want to win.

The Club are at home, to the Police, and on present form a win for the "Coppers" seems indicated. The Club forward line is very weak in front of goal, and they are not likely to make much impression on their opponents' strong defence.

At Kowloon, the home team receive the "Tamar," and should secure the two points without much difficulty, although I hear the sailors have considerably strengthened their team.

In the "A" section of the junior division, there are two games, the most important one being that between the Surrey Reserves and the South China "A." The latter, when well in the running for the championship of this division, lost to St. Joseph's College. To lose to-morrow to the soldiers will probably give the latter a pull in the league table.

Kowloon Reserves should manage to win against the Gunners' second string. Their fluctuating play forbids one to forecast a definite result.

There are also two games in the "B" section of the junior league, and as in the other section, the Chinese team enjoyed a very good chance to carry off the championship. They are however opposed to a very strong side in the Moslems, and I should not be a bit surprised if the latter win.

The game between the University and the College Boarders should be very even, with the former just getting home.

Arrangements are well in hand for the Portuguese interport. The Shanghai team is expected here on Friday April 1, and the first game between the Hongkong Portuguese and the Shanghai Portuguese will be played on Saturday (April 3). On Monday (April 5), the combined Portuguese team will meet a team composed of the "Rest of the Colony," and on Wednesday (April 7) they will play the South China team.

All these games will be played on the Hongkong F.C. ground. I understand that there will be booking of seats. If not for both stands, at least the covered one will be numbered and reserved.

On Saturday week (March 27), both the semi-finals in the senior section of the Challenge Shield competition will be played. It is hoped to put one on the Club ground and one at Sookampoo, if the grounds are available.

#### CLUB 1ST XI.

The following have been selected to represent the Hongkong F.C. in their (home) league game with the Police to-morrow at 4.30 p.m.:—Rodger, Summers, Bishop, Lyoth, Howard, Watson, Brodie, Forth, Garrod, McBride, Key, Reserves, Bowker, Pile, Morrison.

## "HEAVIES" MEET.

### BRITISH BOXING TITLE CHANGES HANDS.

### AN EARLY KNOCK-OUT.

(*Reuter's Service.*)

London, March 18.—At the Albert Hall, in a 20-round bout for the British heavyweight boxing championship, Phil Scott knocked out the holder, Frank Goddard, in the third round.

#### A Weird Spectacle.

London, later. Goddard, generously plastered with powder, presented a weird spectacle, his enormous bulk contrasting with Scott's muscular symmetry.

In the first round Scott landed a right that surprised painfully slow Goddard.

In the second round Scott pierced the pitiful defence, but ran into a left which seemed low, and went down to count six, but finished the round, weakening Goddard. In the third round Goddard opened aggressively, but showed little science and left himself open to Scott's left, which was followed up by a knock-out in the jaw with his right.

## HOME SOCCER.

### MILITARY TRIANGULAR TOURNAMENT.

#### LEAGUE MATCHES.

(*Reuter's Service.*)

London, March 18.—In the army triangular soccer tournament, the British Army and the Belgian Army drew, 2 goals each, at Stamford Bridge.

League matches (home team given first) resulted:—

#### ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division II.  
Swansea 3, Portsmouth 0.  
Division III (North).  
Hullfax 3, Southport 0.

The respective tables now stand:

Division II.	Goals.
Wednesday.....	20 5 7 73 40 45
Derby C.....	32 19 6 7 63 33 44
Chelsea.....	32 16 9 7 67 39 41
Swansea.....	31 16 5 10 64 46 37
Oldham.....	32 16 5 11 58 46 37
South Shields.....	33 16 4 13 60 48 36
Port Vale.....	32 16 4 12 66 53 36
Blackpool.....	33 14 7 12 61 55 35
Middlesbro'.....	34 17 1 16 65 59 35
Hull City.....	32 13 7 12 51 43 33
Wolves.....	32 14 5 13 54 48 33
Portsmouth.....	33 13 7 13 61 65 33
Southampton.....	32 12 6 15 53 51 30
Bradford C.....	32 11 8 13 37 40 30
Preston.....	32 13 4 15 52 69 30
Barnsley.....	32 9 11 26 46 50 29
Darlington.....	34 10 8 16 54 61 28
Fulham.....	30 9 7 14 35 61 25
Stoke.....	32 9 6 17 41 65 24
Clapton.....	30 9 5 16 40 51 23
Notts Forest.....	30 8 7 15 31 52 23
Stockport.....	33 6 7 20 40 79 19

Division III (North).	Goals.
Bradford.....	33 21 5 7 76 35 47
Rochdale.....	32 19 5 8 76 48 43
Grimsby.....	31 18 7 6 70 33 43
Chesham.....	32 18 4 10 73 43 40
Nelson.....	31 15 8 9 77 45 38
Halifax.....	34 14 9 11 45 41 37
Hartlepool.....	33 16 5 12 68 62 37
Crowe.....	31 15 5 11 55 49 35
Ashington.....	34 13 9 12 59 48 35
Coventry.....	32 14 5 13 59 56 33
Durham.....	33 15 3 15 54 56 33
Doncaster.....	31 11 11 9 60 49 33
Rotherham.....	32 12 6 14 50 71 30
N. Brighton.....	31 13 4 14 51 58 30
Accrington.....	32 13 3 16 60 80 29
Wigan.....	33 11 7 14 57 58 26
Tranmere.....	31 12 4 15 50 69 26
Wrexham.....	32 9 9 14 55 73 27
Lincoln.....	32 11 4 17 50 71 26
Southport.....	32 7 10 15 45 63 24
Walsall.....	33 6 5 22 45 64 17
Barrow.....	33 6 2 25 43 77 14

## GOLF IN P.I.

### BOB MASON, AMATEUR CHAMPION.

#### AN EASY VICTORY.

"Bob" Mason, playing a wonderful game, won the National Amateur Golf Championship of the Philippines defeating Jack George in the final over the Wack Wack 86 hole course, 10 up and 9 to play.

George played his usual steady game (says the "Manila Bulletin") but the exhibition staged by Mason was just short of remarkable. George was seven down at the end of the first eighteen holes.

## CRICKET VENUES.

### LOCAL FIXTURES FOR TO-MORROW.

### WILL WEATHER PERMIT?

With the approaching end of the cricket season, interest is waning and fewer matches are due for play to-morrow. Moreover, owing to the unfavourable weather conditions, a friendly match arranged to take place between the Club Juniors and the Police has been cancelled. The fixtures, according to the cards, are:—

#### League I.

Craigengower C.C. v. Kowloon C.C. 1st XI on the C.C.C. ground. Friendly.  
University 1st XI v. H.K.C.C. "Outcasts" on the University ground.  
Kowloon C.C. 2nd XI v. Royal Engineers on the K.C.C. ground.

## DAVIS CUP.

### JAPAN MAN WHO WAS IN HONGKONG.

#### MR. TOBA SELECTED.

(*Reuter's Service.*)

Tokyo, March 18.—The Japanese Lawn Tennis Association has decided to send three entrants for the Davis Cup to America, viz., Tawara, Toba and Harada.

Tawara is regarded as the best player yet produced by Japan. [Mr. Toba is on the M.E.K. Shanghai staff and may be transferred to the New York office, the local establishment believes. He represented Japan in the Far East Olympic last year, and in Hongkong, defeated Captain C. H. D. O'Callaghan (open champion) in an exhibition match.] Japan meets Mexico for the right of playing the Philippines, and then the winner of the Cuba v. Canada tie, the ultimate winner playing the European Zone champions for the right of challenging America.

## BOAT RACE.

### CAMBRIDGE ROWS A FULL TRIAL.

### CONDITIONS DIFFERENT.

(*Reuter's Service.*)

London, March 18.—The Cambridge University boat race crew rowed a full course trial this afternoon, from Putney to Mortlake in 19 minutes, 26 seconds. Conditions were not so good as for Oxford yesterday.

[On March 17, Oxford did the trial in 19 minutes, 7 seconds.]

#### KOWLOON F. C. TEAMS.

The following teams have been selected to represent the Kowloon Football Club in league matches to-morrow:—

1st XI v. H.M.S. "Tamar," Kowloon ground, 4.30 p.m.:—Rasmussen; Wheeler, Read; Turner, Sims, McKelvie, Taylor, Millard, Caveille, Duncan, Hayes. Reserve:—Linaker.  
Reserves v. R.G.A. Reserves, Kowloon ground, 3 p.m.:—Avery; Guest, Knight, Street, Shiley, Oller; Spary, H. Wheeler, Brqwn, Pasco, Miles. Reserves:—Eastman, Nicholls, Hedley.

#### AMERICAN ATHLETE'S CHANGE.

Jole Ray, the American amateur distance runner, who has competed at athletic meetings for the last 16



Jole Ray.

years, has turned professional. He proposes to give exhibitions of running in London, Paris, and Berlin.

## TREASURY BILLS.

### FIRST READING OF LOCAL MEASURE.

### "CONVENIENT BORROWING"

The Attorney-General moved the first reading of a Bill intitled An Ordinance to regulate the issue of Hongkong Treasury Bills in Hongkong. He said: Treasury Bills form a convenient method of borrowing for works under construction which may take some years to complete. It frequently happens in such cases that the ultimate cost of the work cannot in the earlier stages be estimated at all closely. Accordingly it is impossible to say what amount of money will have to be borrowed to carry the work to completion. Also, if a loan for the whole amount be placed at the commencement of the work, more money than is required is obtained, and it may be that part of the money will have to be idle for some time.

By issuing Treasury Bills, the money can be borrowed as required and at a later stage the total cost of the work can be estimated and the temporary borrowings can be consolidated in the loan. This Bill is based on a draft prepared by the Crown Agents, in consultation with the legal advisers of the Secretary of State who has suggested to the Crown Colonies that they should borrow by means of Treasury Bills in case any necessity for borrowing should arise. This Bill provides for issuing Treasury Bills in Hongkong. The complimentary Bill, to be introduced next, provides for the issuing of Treasury Bills in London in case it should be more convenient to borrow in London than in the Colony.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded, and the Bill was read a first time.

## THY NAME IS WOMAN.

### DEATH OF BEAUTIFUL STAR.

It is of interest to note that the picture at Queen's Theatre, "Thy Name is Woman," features the beautiful film star, Barbara La Marr, whose death was recently recorded at Hollywood. The following is an extract from the London "Daily Mirror":



BARBARA LAMARR.

A Pasadena message from New York states that Barbara La Marr, the screen star, died there, following on a nervous breakdown.

Miss La Marr's chief triumphs were in the role of film first, but she was also successful in serious drama. She was so perturbed by the danger which she ran in exposing her expressive eyes to the intimate spot-light in the studio that she insured them for \$5,000.

She was seen in London in "Quincy Adams Sawyer" and "The Prisoner of Zenda," and as the tragic heroine of "Trifling Women."

Her performance in last-named picture "Trifling Women" will long be remembered by those who had the good fortune to witness it at the Old Coronet. "Thy Name is Woman" is a film that should not be missed for it is certainly a most interesting story, splendidly acted. Miss La Marr being associated with Ramon Navarro—an excellent young actor rapidly coming to the front. The fact that he was chosen to play the part of "Ben Hur"—a gigantic production soon to be released—alone proves his article-worth. It is said to be a colossal film and one of his most expressive on record. It is playing in New York. Its cost is estimated at \$4,000,000.

Passengers off the "Empress of Canada" which left to-day, included D. G. D. Black, M. C. S. Gubbay, Mr. O. Kitchin, Mr. D. Wallace and Mr. E. Zeltin.

## \$15,000 PROCEEDS.

### "H.K. GUILD LEAGUE" KEEPS UP DONATIONS.

### NO AMOUNT REDUCED.

The "China Mail" has received for publication from Mrs. H. T. Cressy, (No. 406, the Peak), acting President of the Hongkong Women's Guild & Ministering Children's League, the following statement of the allocation of proceeds for 1925-6:—

BRITISH CHARITIES.  
Hongkong Cots at M.C.L. Home, Ottershaw \$200.  
Trafalgar Home for Orphans, Portsmouth \$125.  
Merchant Service Guild Fund for Widows and Orphans \$125.  
Royal Soldiers' Daughters' Home, Hampstead \$125.  
Orphan Homes of Scotland \$125.  
Officers' Families' Fund \$100.  
Evelina Hospital for Children, Southwark \$100.  
Children's Ward of the London Hospital \$50.  
Shaftesbury Homes, "Aethusa" training ship \$50.  
Walls and Strays Society \$50.  
[British Charities total \$1,050, or \$8,822 7/6.]

LOCAL CHARITIES.  
Italian Convent Hospital \$300.  
Netherdale Hospital \$2,000.  
Ying Wa Girls' School \$200.  
C. M. S. Dry Schools \$1,000.  
Village School Fund \$500.  
C.M.S. Victoria Home and Orphanage \$1,000.  
C.M.S. Blind Home, Kowloon \$1,000.  
Fairlea School \$100.  
St. Joseph's Home for the Aged Poor \$400.  
Hongkong Benevolent Society \$500.  
Protestant Alms-houses, Kowloon Tong \$400.  
[Local Charities total \$6,400.]  
The grand total is \$15,222 7/6.

The committee desires to take this opportunity of thanking all those members and other friends of the Guild and League who, working under great difficulties, have contributed to the success of the year's effort, with the happy and unlooked-for result that it has not been necessary to reduce the amount of any one of the donations usually made.

## ITALIAN MURDER.

### WHAT A JOURNALIST DISCOVERED.

(*Reuter's Service.*)

Chieti, March 17.—Startling evidence was given on the resumption of the Matteotti trial. Two clerks testified that they saw the actual kidnapping of the man by four others whom they were unable to identify, one of whom hit the victim in the stomach and then threw him into the motor car which drove off.

Senor Nello Quilici, former head of staff of the newspaper "Corriere Italiano," directed by the Fascist Filippelli, testified that on June 10, Filippelli allowed him to drive home in the former's motor car, which Dumini drove. The car was left in Quilici's garage.

On the following morning, Quilici discovered the car damaged, the upholstery cut and a window broken; and found a pair of journalists' scissors lying inside.

He was dissatisfied with Filippelli's explanation and retired from the paper.

The Fascist counsel, Signor Farinacci, formally disclaimed any connection between the Fascist Party and Filippelli.

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## LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

### OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, March 19, 1926, 10.30 a.m.

Names.	Hongkong Stock Exchange.	Hongkong Sharebrokers Association.	Value of Shares.
T.T. on London	21 3/4	21 3/4	21 3/4
T.T. on Shanghai	76 1/4	76 1/4	nom.
Hongkong Bank	1055 b.	1050 b.	\$1050 b.
do. London	£126 n.	£126 n.	£126 n.
Chartered Bank	£21 1/2 n.	£21 1/2 n.	—
Mercantile Bank, A. & R.	£30 b.	£30 n.	—
do. C.	£13 1/4 b.	£13 1/4 n.	—
E. & O. Bank	£9 1/4 n.	£9 1/4 n.	—
Bank of East Asia	\$70 b.	\$70 b.	\$70 n.
Marine Insurance	620 b.	620 b.	\$610 b.
Canton Insurance	194 b. 1.80	230 n.	1.85 b.
China Underwriters	T 145 n. (sa)	T 140 n.	—
North China Insurance	285 b.	285 b.	\$285 n.
Union Insurance	44 1/2 n.	44 1/2 b.	—
Yangtze Insurance	—	—	—
Fire Insurance	—	—	—
China Fire Insurance	165 b.	165 b.	—
H.K. Fire Insurance	570 b.	560 b.	550 b.
Shipping	—	—	—
Douglas	28 b.	28 b.	26 s.
Hongkong Steamboats	24 1/2 sa.	24 b. & sa.	24 b.
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	38 n.	30 n.	37 n.
Indo-China (Prof.)	40 n.	—	45 s.
do. (Def.) Ltd.	—	—	—
do. (H.K.)	250 n.	250 n.	—
Oriental Navigation	88 1/2 b.	88 1/2 n.	88 1/2 n.
Shell Transport	36 n.	36 1/2 n.	\$63 s.
Star Ferries	15 b.	15 n.	15 1/2 b.
Water-works	—	—	—
Rafferies	—	—	—
China Sugars	27 1/2 n.	26 b.	27 s.
Malabon Sugars	39 n.	35 n.	50 n.
Mining	—	—	—
Ranquet	1.80 n.	—	—
Kallap Mining Ad.	42 1/2 b.	42 1/2 b.	47 1/2 n.
Lanckats (Combined)	24 b.	T 23 b.	7 3/4 b.
do. (Single)	11 b.	11 b.	—
Shanghai Exploration	5 s.	5 n.	—
Shanghai Loan	7 n.	7 n.	—
Raubia	55 b.	55 b.	—
Tromoh Mines	6 1/2 b. cum.	55 b.	—
Ural Caspian	8 1/2 n. (div.)	—	—
Decks Wharves	—	—	—
Gadown & Co.	—	—	—
H.K. & K. Wharves	\$130 1/2 sa.	132 b.	\$131 n.
H.K. & W. Docks	62 1/2 b. 63 1/4 sa.	63 1/4 b.	63 b.
Hongkows	1160 b.	1170 b.	1170 b.
New Engineering	5 b.	5 1/2 b.	5 1/2 b.
Shanghai Docks	98 b.	98 b.	97 b.
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.	—	—	—
H.K. & S. Hotels (old)	9 1/2 b.	9 1/2 b.	9 1/2 a.
do. (new)	—	—	—
Hongkong Lands	63 1/2 b.	64 1/2 b.	64 n.
H.K. Realty	5 1/2 n.	4 1/2 n.	5 b.
H.K. Territorials	5 1/2 n.	6 n.	6 s.
Humphreys Estates	14 1/2 b.	14 1/2 n.	14 b.
Princes Building	100 n.	100 s.	—
Rural Lands	7 n.	—	—
Canton Mills	—	—	—
Two Cottons	T 9.40 n.	T 9 1/2 b.	T 9 1/4 b.
Oriental	3 n.	2.90 b.	3 s.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	54 b.	54 s.	53 s.
do. (new)	28 b.	27 s.	27 s.
Miscellaneous	—	—	—
Canton Ice	\$7 1/2 n.	\$7 s.	\$7 s.
Cements (comb.)	15 1/2 b.	15 1/2 n.	15 1/2 s.
do. (old)	12 1/2 b.	12 1/2 n.	12 1/2 s.
do. (new)	2.90 b.	3 n.	3 s.
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CATHERINE CREGAR & LUCILLE DURKIN

Martin Durkin, a Chicago super-banisher, has an uneasy fascination for women, and even though he deserted all his former loves and married a little country girl just before he was captured on a train near St. Louis, his old sweetheart, Lucille Durkin, his sister, is one of his supporters now that he faces the gallows for killing a Department of Justice agent.



HERBERT BRAMALL

A strenuous search is being made for the person who shot down Herbert Bramall, the English society butler, when he answered a ring at the door of James R. Deering, New York millionaire. The police are searching for a woman as the murderer.



MRS. & MRS. IVO. CHAMPAY, 1926.

European society has learned with great interest of the marriage of Miss Lylla Gladys Chetwood, granddaughter of the British Viceroy of India, to Ivo Champay, a Hungarian gypsy.



COMMANDER FRANCO & CAPT. RUIZ DE ALDA

Commander Franco, left, and Captain Ruiz de Alda, Spanish aviators who made the attempt to fly their aeroplane from Spain to Buenos Aires. By taking advantage of scattered islands, they broke their long flight across the ocean into fairly easy stages.



SHIP RUNNER SEIZED

The greatest seizure made in many months was engineered by New York marine police when they captured the freighter "Resete" which carried a cargo of liquor valued at more than \$200,000. The captured ship is seen above.



MRS. JAMES R. DEERING

Mrs. James R. Deering, wife of the New York millionaire, is helping the police in their search for a clue to the murder of her butler, Herbert Bramall, who was shot when he answered a ring at the door of the Deering mansion just off Fifth avenue.



SEN. HIRAM JOHNSON



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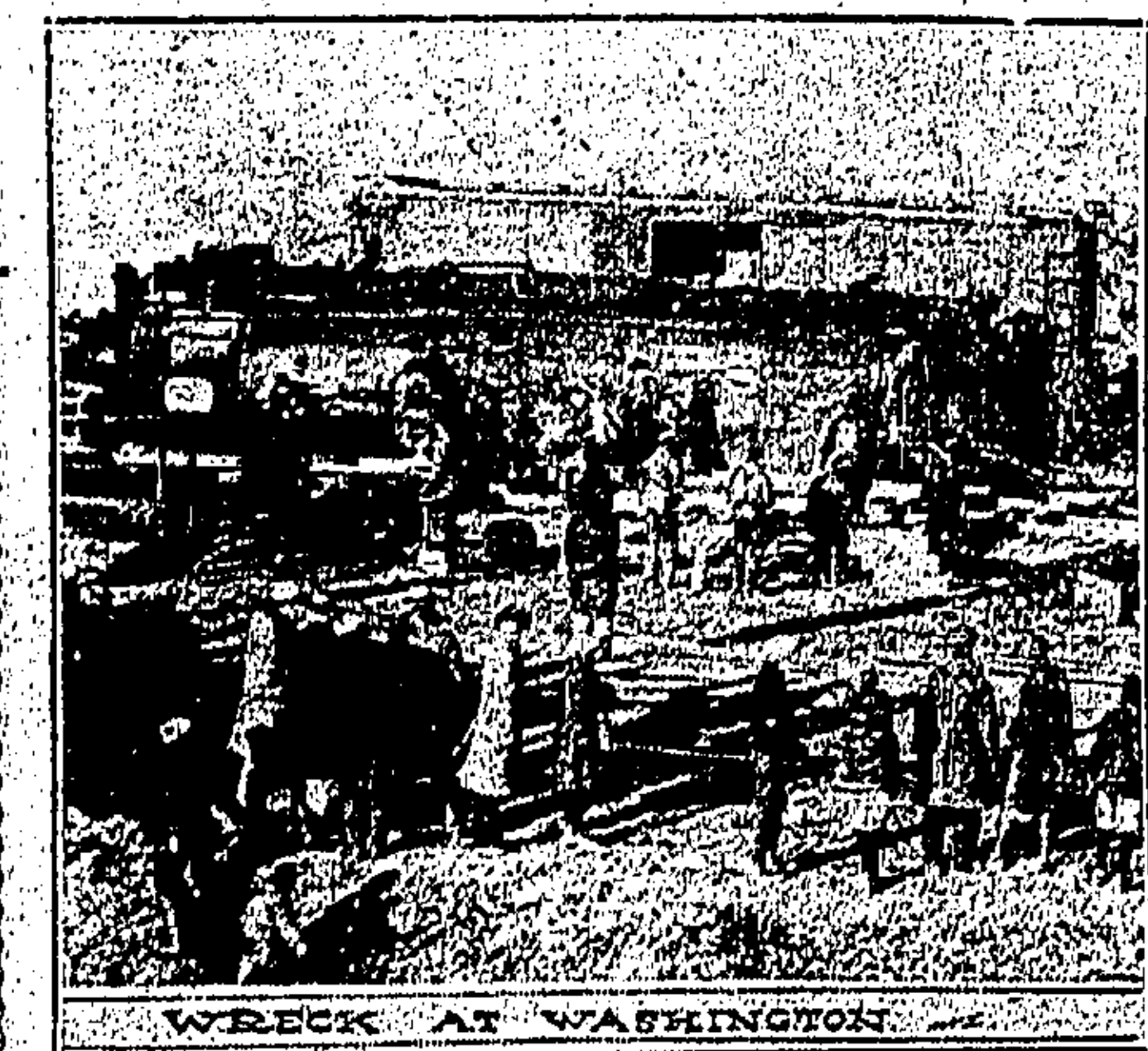


SEN. JAMES WATSON



SEN. LYNN J. FRAZIER

The bitter fight in the Senate over the World Court, finally was lost when that body voted 76 to 17 to join the international body. Robert La Follette, Hiram Johnson, James Watson and Lynn J. Frazier were among those who fought the action to the last.



WRECK AT WASHINGTON

Several were injured, the engine was overturned and several coaches wrecked when a Pennsylvania train was derailed just outside of Washington, D. C. Investigation is being made following a report that the train was travelling at a high speed.

### BRINGING UP FATHER

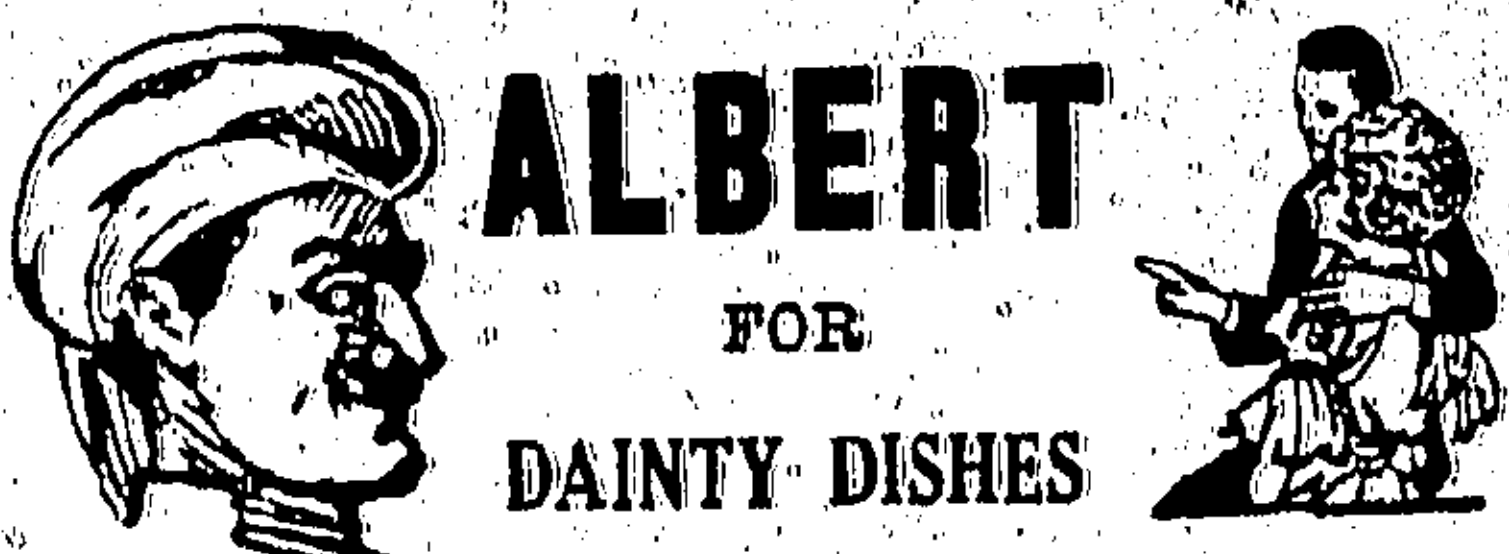


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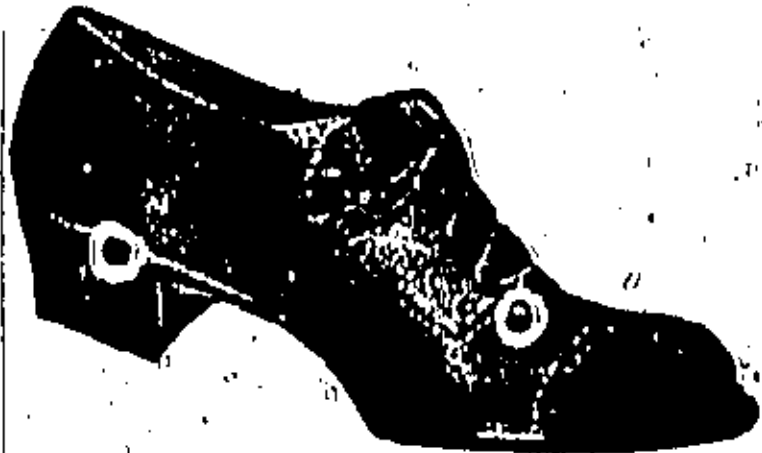
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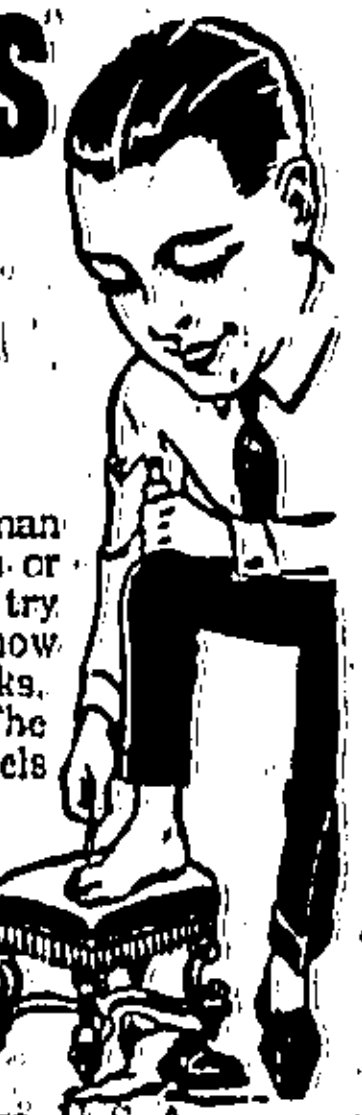


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### The Prince's Double.

Although I have not seen the young American, at present in London, who is said to be the breathing image of the Prince of Wales, I am constantly hearing about him (writes "Cadabour" in the "Daily Chronicle.") He has caused quite a stir in certain circles lately, and I hear that once or twice when he has appeared there has been slight misunderstandings owing to the resemblance. Friends of the new-comer have nicknamed him "Feathers," presumably after the Prince of Wales's feathers, but at the moment I am taking all the stories I hear about the Prince and his double with a big grain of salt. Is the Equator Shifting?

Dr. J. E. Harding, who has spent the last few years making geological observations in the Andes Mountains, says that his studies have convinced him that the equator is shifting, reports "The World Magazine" (New York). This would explain why the North American coast line is sinking and the South American continent rising. He wishes to conduct experiments with a rotating concrete sphere in hope of proving his theory. Scientists have expressed some doubts of his theory, holding that the "wobbling" motion of the North Pole, with which the Equator moves, is accurately measured by astronomers.

### A Beautiful Girl.

Lady Mary Thynne, whom many connoisseurs declare is the most beautiful young English girl of the day—she created a sensation by her good looks when she was presented as a debutante—was bridesmaid for the third time the other day. The occasion was the picturesque wedding of Miss Adelaide Stanley, Lord and Lady Stanley of Adelaide's lovely daughter. Lady Mary's other two appearances as bridesmaids were at the weddings of Princess Mary and the Duchess of York. Soon, rumour has it, she will be appointing bridesmaids on her own account (says a "Sunday Chronicle" writer).

### Telephone in Elevator.

Noticing that apartment-house tenants seemed fond of airing their troubles to elevator operators, the owner of a de luxe apartment-house in New York City installed an unseen telephone in the elevator, says "Popular Science Monthly." As a tenant rides up or down in the elevator, she unknowingly talks to a young man at the other end of the line who is sitting out of sight in the entrance hall below. If she tells him about

the burned-out fuse, or the leak in the sink, the matter is attended to at once, and the apartment-house gears shift smoothly. It is a great success, according to reports, in keeping the tenants content with their landlord.

A Theatre Mystery.  
It is always a mystery why some people go to the theatre (says the "Daily Chronicle.") They sit stonily through comedy which moves the rest of the house to continuous laughter; they stare savagely at the laughers; and their leader arms are never raised in applause for anything whatsoever. Curiously enough, it is always the lightest entertainments that these people patronise, and their effect on sensitive, more primitive folk near them must be deadly. Theatre managers ought to have a black-list of such gloomy amusement seekers, and refuse them admission. N.B.—Of course, one does not refer to dramatic critics, whose calling must necessarily tend to melancholy.

Tune-Tasters.  
Probably a job where more self-control is needed than any other is one of the processes in the manufacture of gramophone records. At one stage in its manufacture a sneeze, a cough, or even a full-sized sigh will ruin a record and mean the loss of many pounds (points out the "Star.") There is also the possibility that the record is one which cannot be repeated, owing to the death or departure of the artist concerned. Even breathing on the record is forbidden at this stage in its career. At the present time the demand for records is so great that manufacturers are having to turn them out as quickly as ever they can. At one big factory there are dozens of girls whose entire job all day long is to listen for flaws in the completed records. They listen to hundreds of records a day, from dance music to classical pieces, but their ears are so carefully tuned that they are able to detect the slightest mechanical fault immediately. Another interesting spot in a gramophone factory is the "dead record library." Here are kept and jealously guarded valuable records which can never be repeated. Records of the voices of famous men and women, since dead, are here preserved for posterity. Gramophone records are now reaching all parts of the world. An African chief, when he visited England a short time ago, was so enamoured with the gramophone that he not only took one back with him to his own country, but ordered all the newest records to be forwarded to him. He has a taste for jazz, and a favourite record was "It ain't goin' to rain no mo'."

### Hot Bed-Stick.

A "bed-stick" was the old-time substitute for a hot-water bottle—a smooth hickory or hardwood stick, four to six inches through, perhaps 15 to 18 inches long, with the bark left on (says the "Daily Telegraph.") This was put into the oven early in the evening; by bedtime it was almost too hot to touch, and heated through and through. It was slipped into a woollen bag, just the right size to hold it, and put in the bottom of the bed, where it provided a dry heat much more comforting than the touch of a hot-water bottle. We are told that sometimes a careless user heated the bed-stick to charring point, and risked a fair chance of setting the bed on fire. There may still be occasions, far from a radiator or hot-water bottle, when the old-fashioned bed-stick may be worth trying.

### Not the "Mikado."

The veil of mystery is, indeed, being torn from all that used to surround the Emperor of Japan, for "every interesting room" in the Imperial Palace at Tokyo is to be photographed, and the garden and even the Imperial ancestral shrines are to be filmed (says the "Evening Standard.") The persistence with which English newspapers refer to the Emperor of Japan as "The Mikado" is extraordinary. Really Gilbert and Sullivan have much to answer for. The word is never heard in this connection in Japan, where the Emperor is referred to either as "Tensu" or "Tennu"—the latter in the form of "Tennu-baka" ("His Majesty the Emperor") being the most usual. "Mikado" means, literally, "gate," as applied to the Imperial palace; and when it was in use—which has not been for many centuries—might be compared with the "Sublime Porte" of Turkey.

### Empire Day Medals.

A scheme to counteract the effect of Communist teaching among school-children by the presentation to them of medals on Empire Day, May 24, has been drawn up by Capt. L. E. Frewen, secretary of the Junior Naval and Military Club, Piccadilly, W. The intention is that the medal should be struck in aluminium, and given with a piece of red, white, and blue ribbon. The scheme has received the support of the British Empire Union, the Empire Day Movement, and the British Empire Service League, and the British Empire Union have placed their offices and organisation at the disposal of the "Empire Day Medal Fund," as it has been named. The hope is expressed that local authorities will subscribe sufficient money to enable the fund to supply 1,000,000 children with medals.

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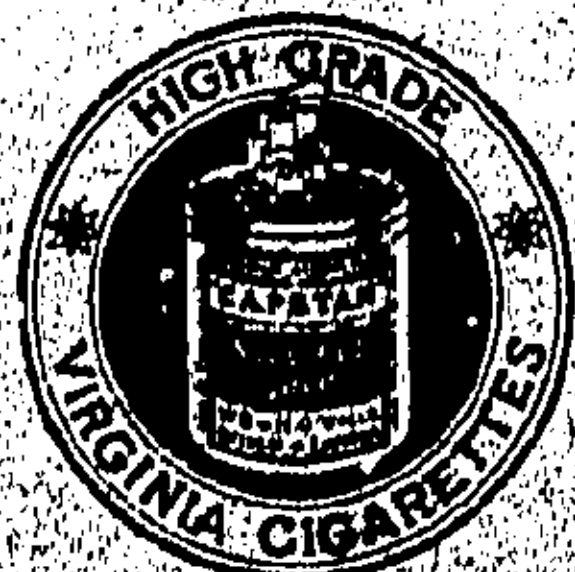
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